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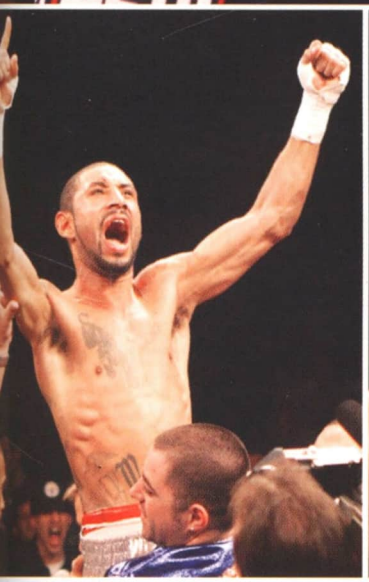

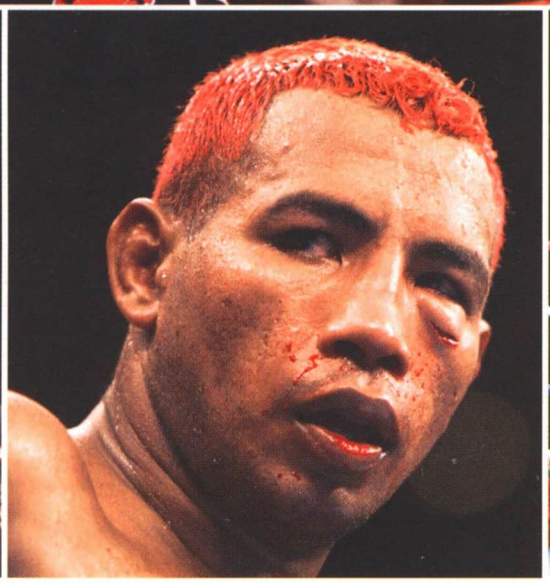

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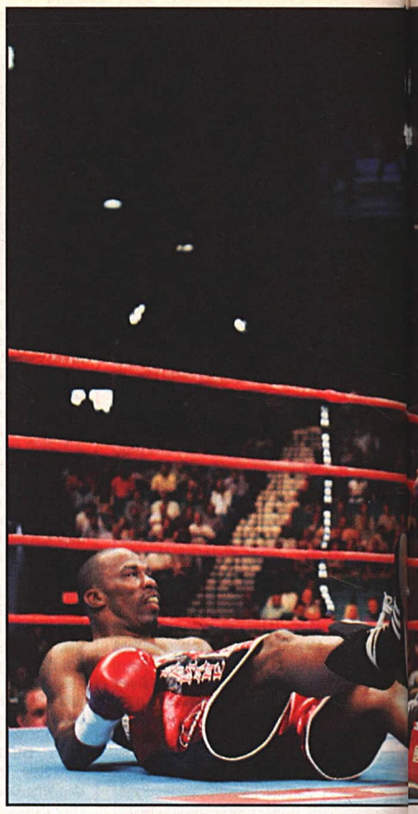

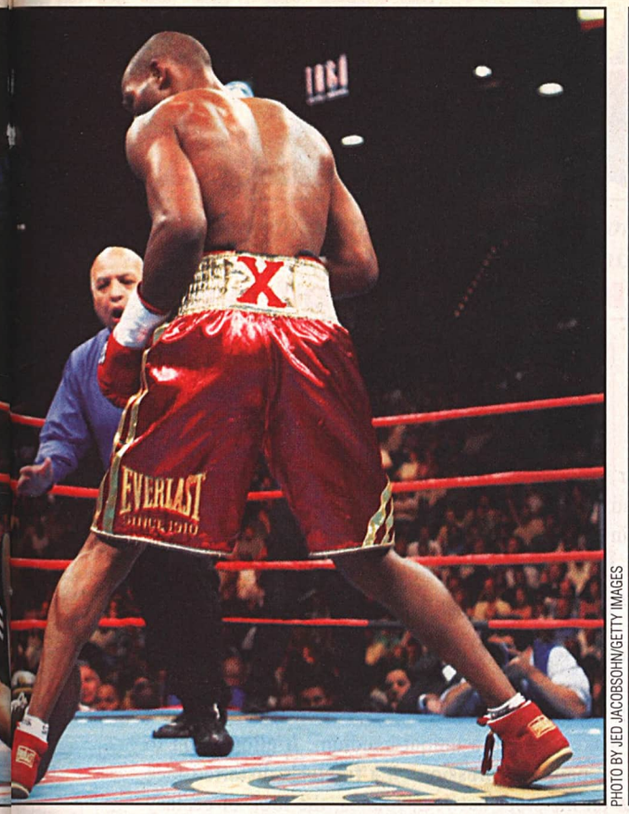

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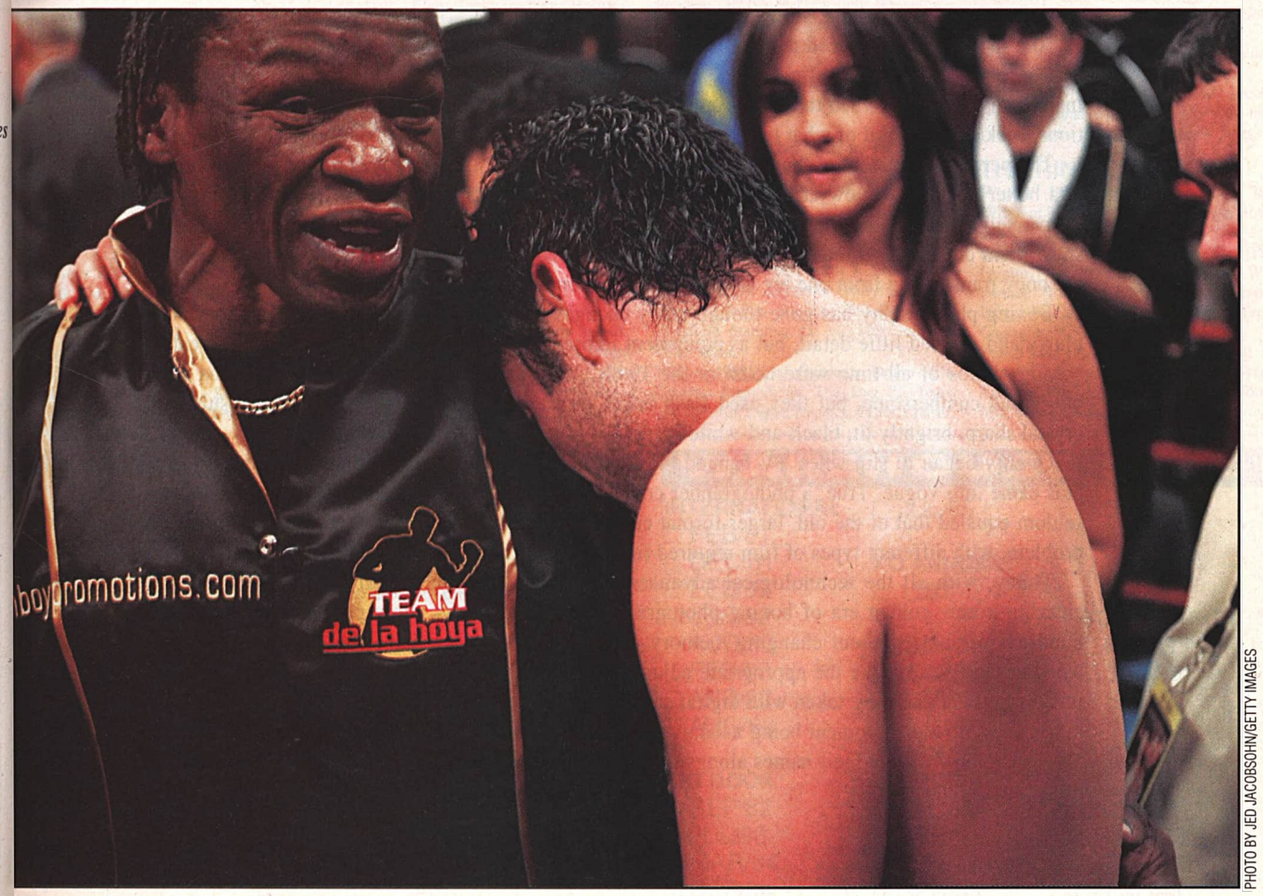

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the second edition of The Year In Pictures. When this special issue debuted last year (THE RING ANNUAL, Volume I, 2004), we had no idea whether it would be one and done, or the start of an annual tradition. Basically, we left it in the hands of the readers to make the decision by either supporting or rejecting the concept. Well, it seems as if fans can't get enough of images of the Sweet Science, so we're back with another collection of the finest boxing photographs of the past year.

We all appreciate the marvelous manner in which television—complete with numerous camera angles and slow-motion replays—brings boxing into our living rooms. But there's something unique about still photography that sets it apart from even the best-televised event. It is the photograph's ability to freeze a moment in time that makes it such a unique medium. It allows you to study details easy to miss in the rush of action: the pained expression on a fighter's distorted face when he's hit flush, the body language as he sits on his stool between rounds, the look of ecstasy when he triumphs over adversity.

And if the eyes are indeed the windows to the soul, outside of a face-to-face encounter, the best way to peer into that revealing portal is a photograph. It can give the viewer the same sort of insights fighters seek when they stare into the eyes of their opponents during the ref's final instructions, looking for a hint of what lies beyond the surface.

The perceptive student of the game can also learn a lot about the craft by studying action photos. If a boxer's hands are low at the moment he's hit, the photograph preserves the blunder forever. Conversely, shots of the finest craftsmen, such as Bernard Hopkins or Floyd Mayweather, clearly show them doing everything right—hands up, chin tucked down behind the shoulder, the weight of the body transferring from one leg to another at the moment of impact.

Boxing photography has gone though many changes over the years. At first, action shots were blurry and showed little detail, but as equipment improved, so did the results. Some of the greatest boxing photos of all-time were taken in the 1940s, '50s, and early-'60s. True, the cameras were bulky and cumbersome, but they used flash bulbs and large 4" x 5" negatives, which resulted in crystal sharp, brightly lit, black-and-white images.

Quality began to slip when TV banned the flash at ringside around the same time 35 mm cameras came into vogue. True, a photographer could fire away at a much faster clip, but the outcome seldom equaled that of the old, larger-format cameras. The advent of color photography was also a problem, with different types of film required for different kinds of arena lighting.

Today, with all the technological advancements being made in digital photography, we are entering a new golden era of boxing photography. Digital cameras allow photographers to takes hundreds of shots without changing memory cards. Moreover, they have the ability to see their work instantly and make the appropriate adjustments on the fly. The vast majority of the fantastic images in this issue were taken with digital cameras.

But despite the equipment being used, it is the men and women behind the cameras that make it all work. You will find their names alongside their work. They are true artists, and it is to them that this issue is dedicated.

Nigel Collins
Editor-in-Chief

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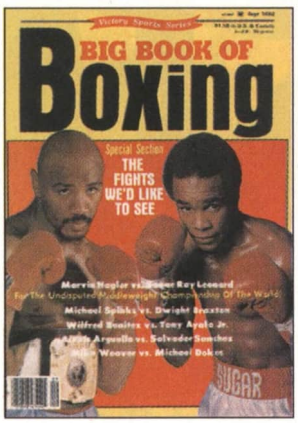

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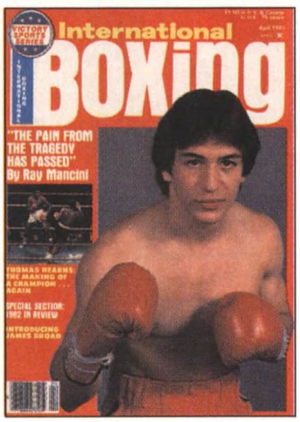

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FIST MEETS FACE

It's the shot every photographer hopes he's captured when he looks over his work at the end of a fight: one man's glove landing on another man's flesh, ideally distorting his features, perhaps even propelling a spray of blood or sweat through the air. The perfect boxing action photo will make some turn away in disgust, but those who do aren't real fight fans. The real fight fans see a brutal crunch shot as a thing of beauty.

FELIX TRINIDAD (right) KO 8 RICARDO MAYORGA, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 2

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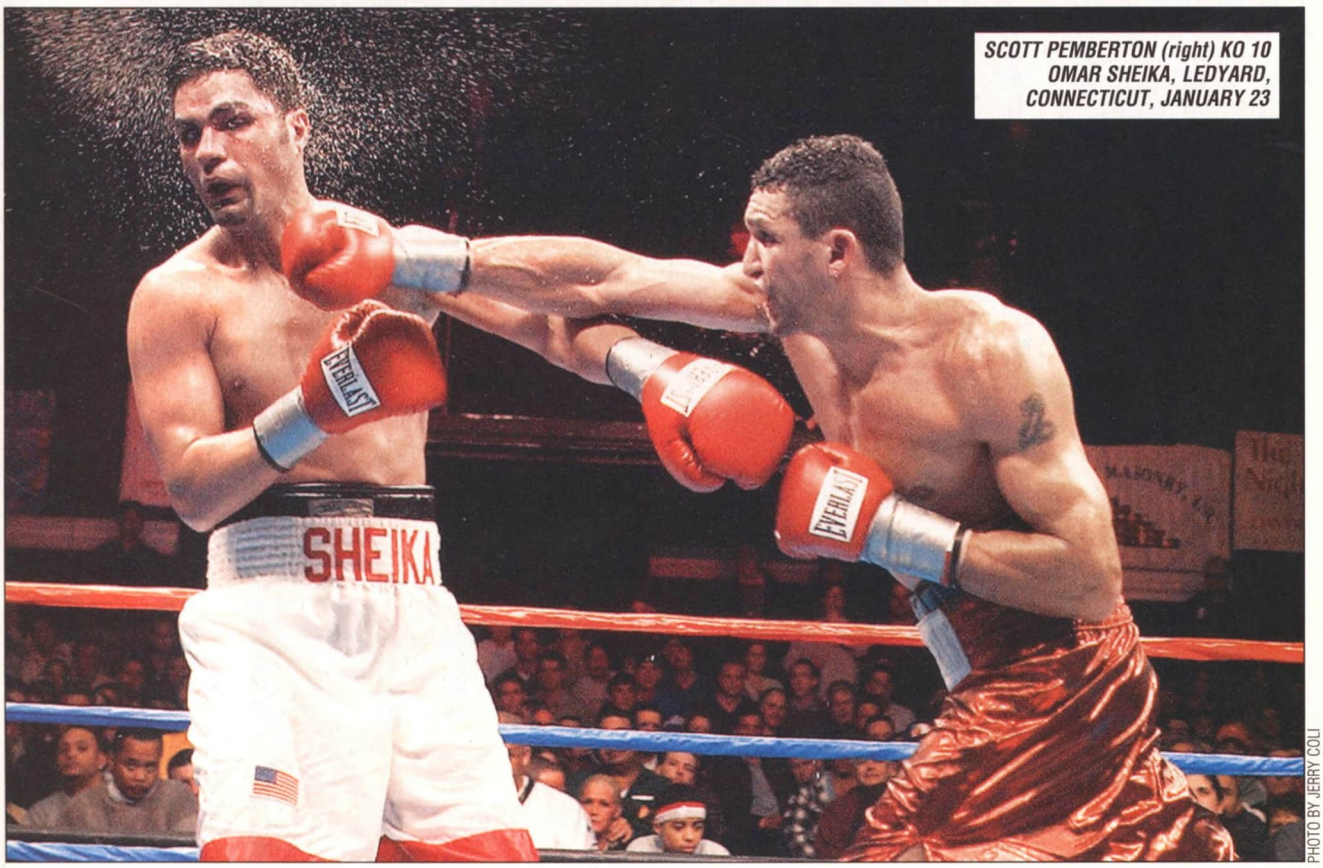

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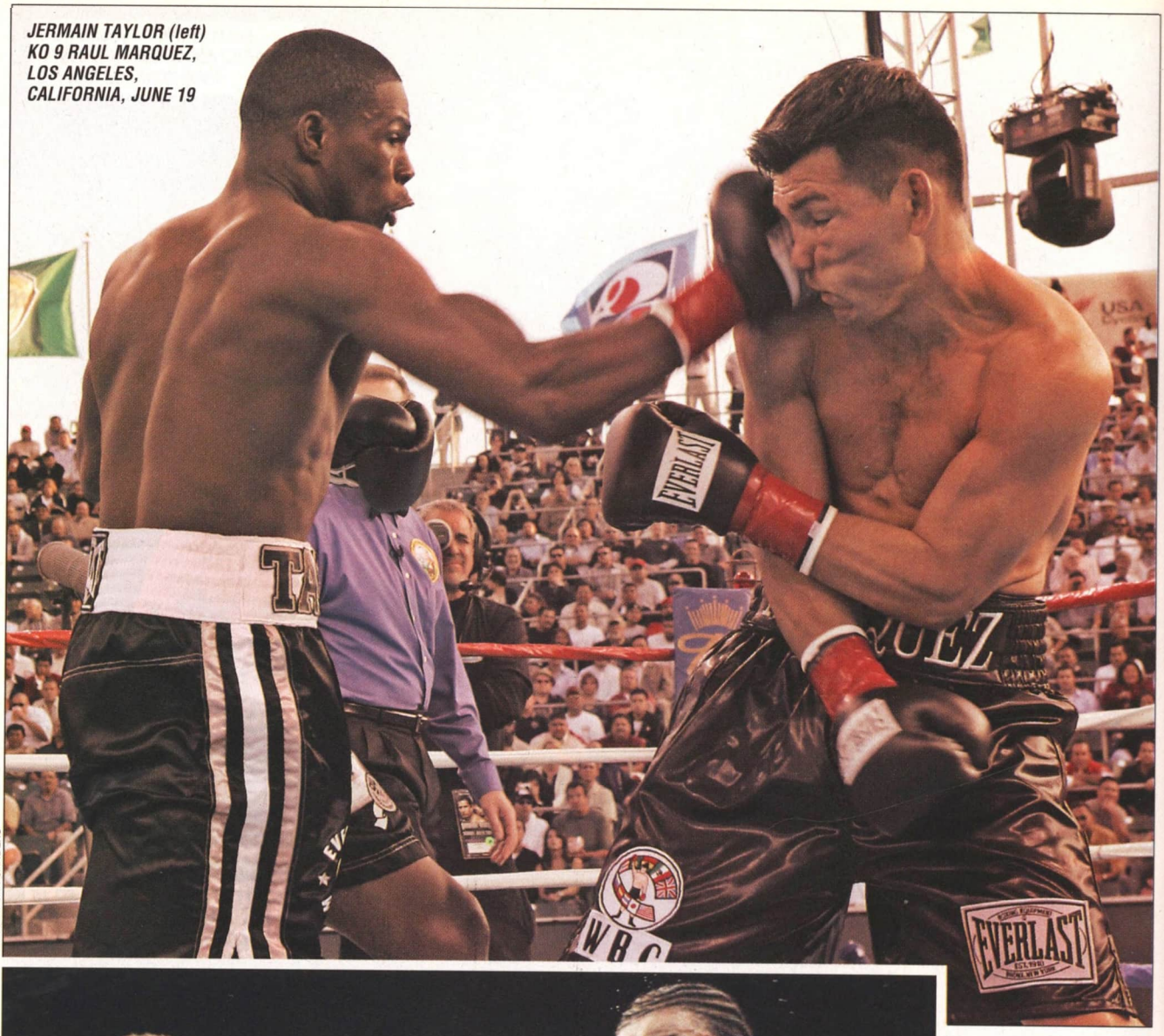

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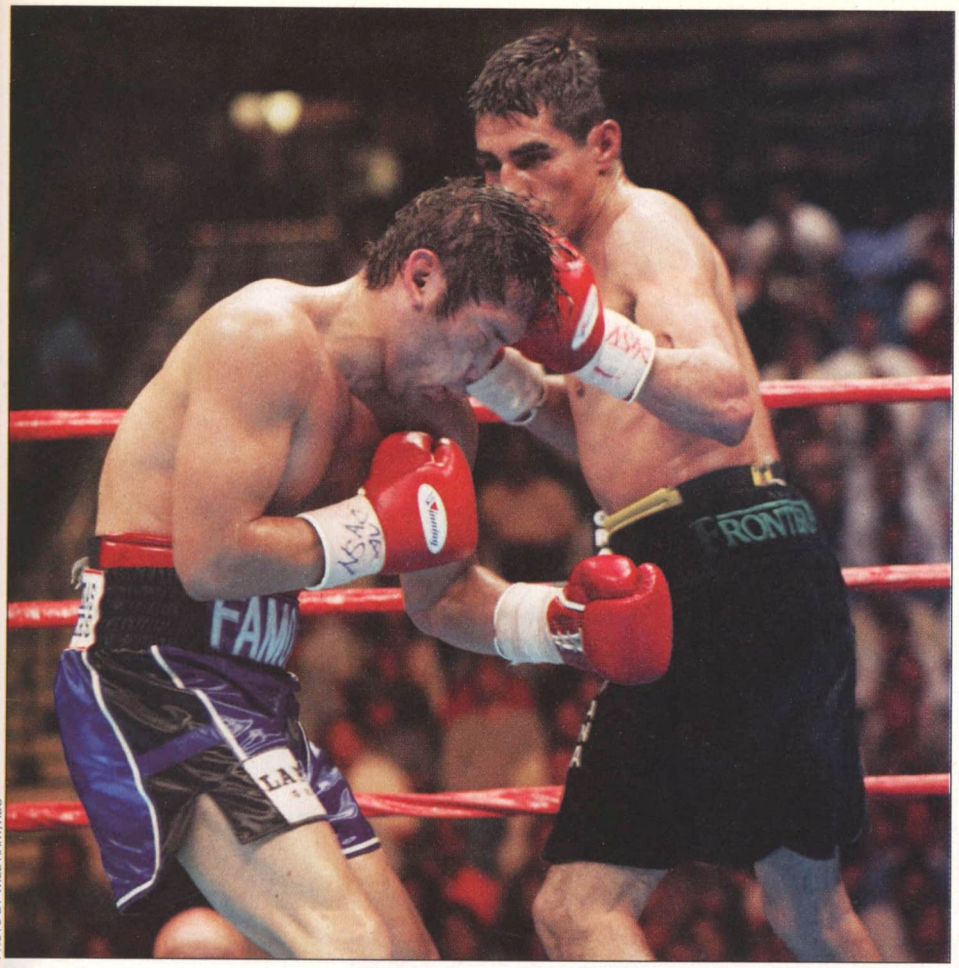

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ERIK MORALES (right) W 12 CARLOS HERNANDEZ, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, JULY 31

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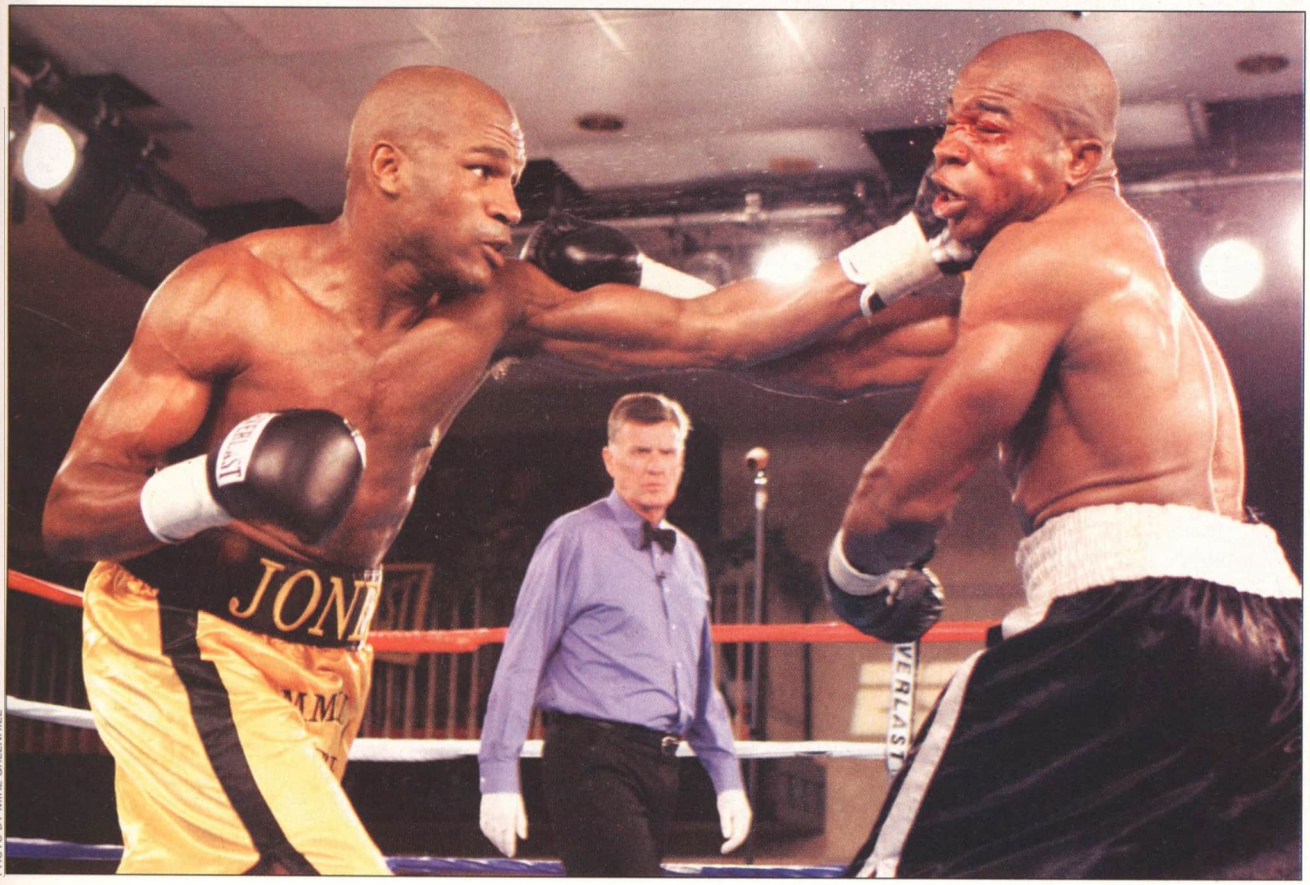

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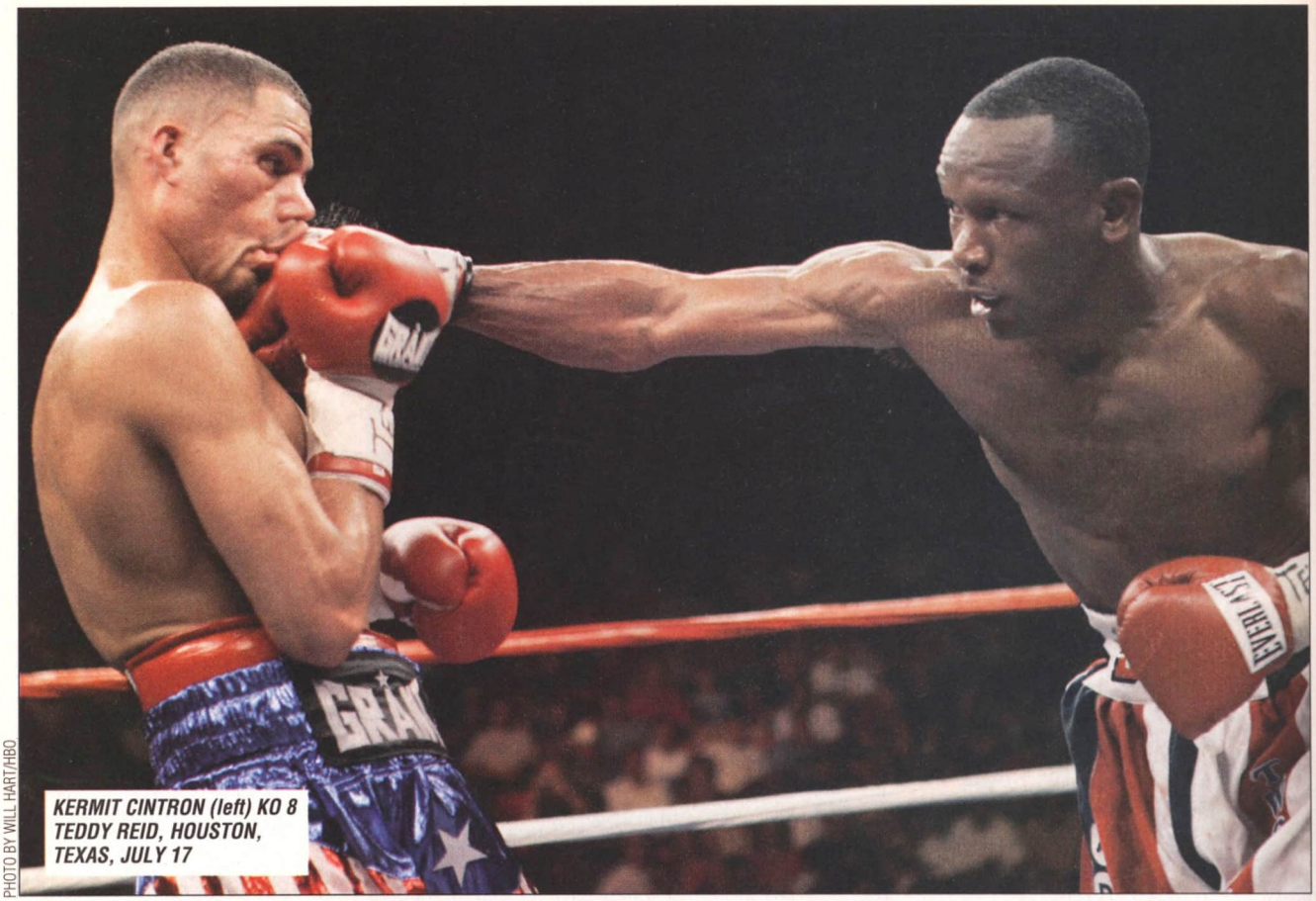

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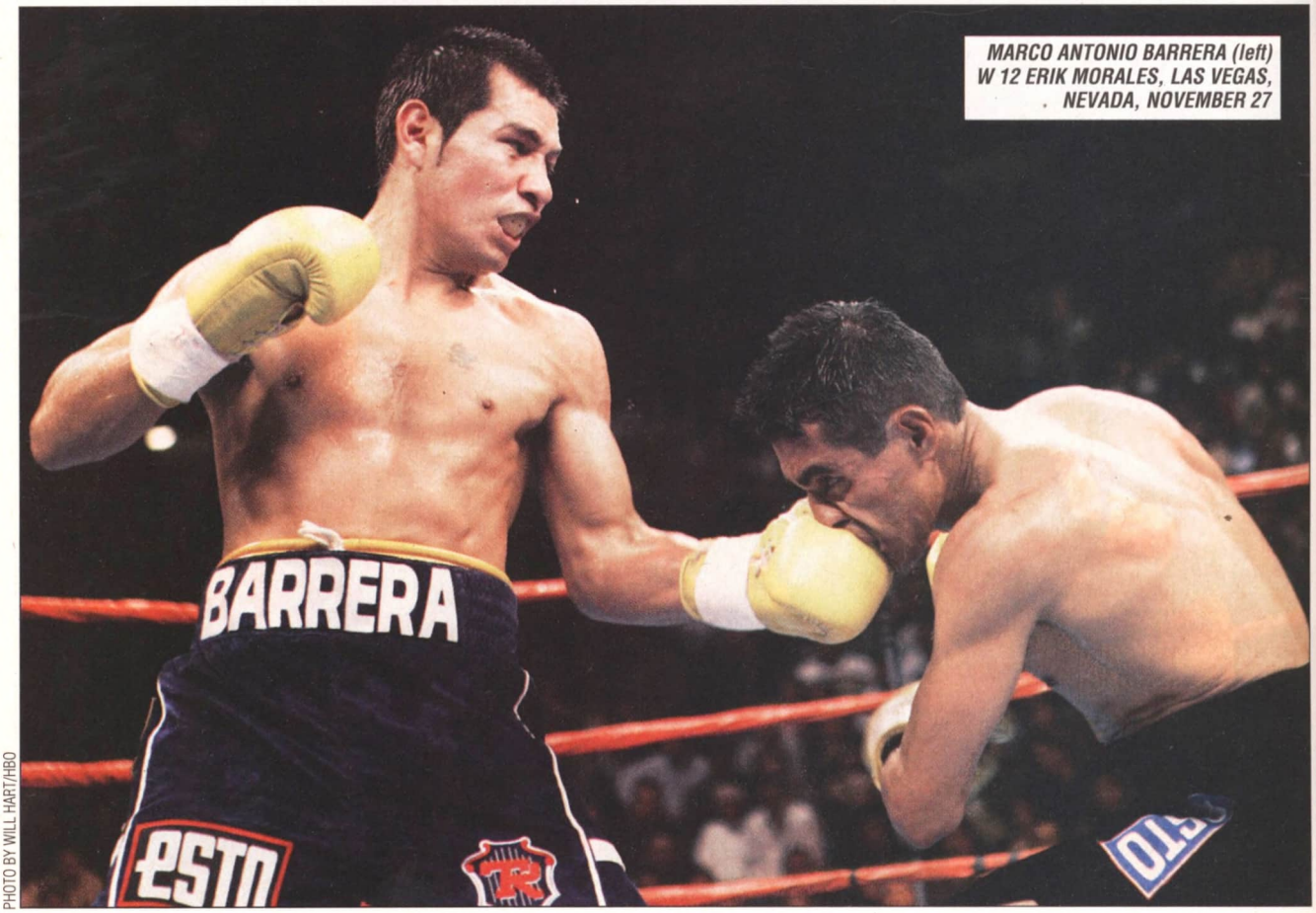

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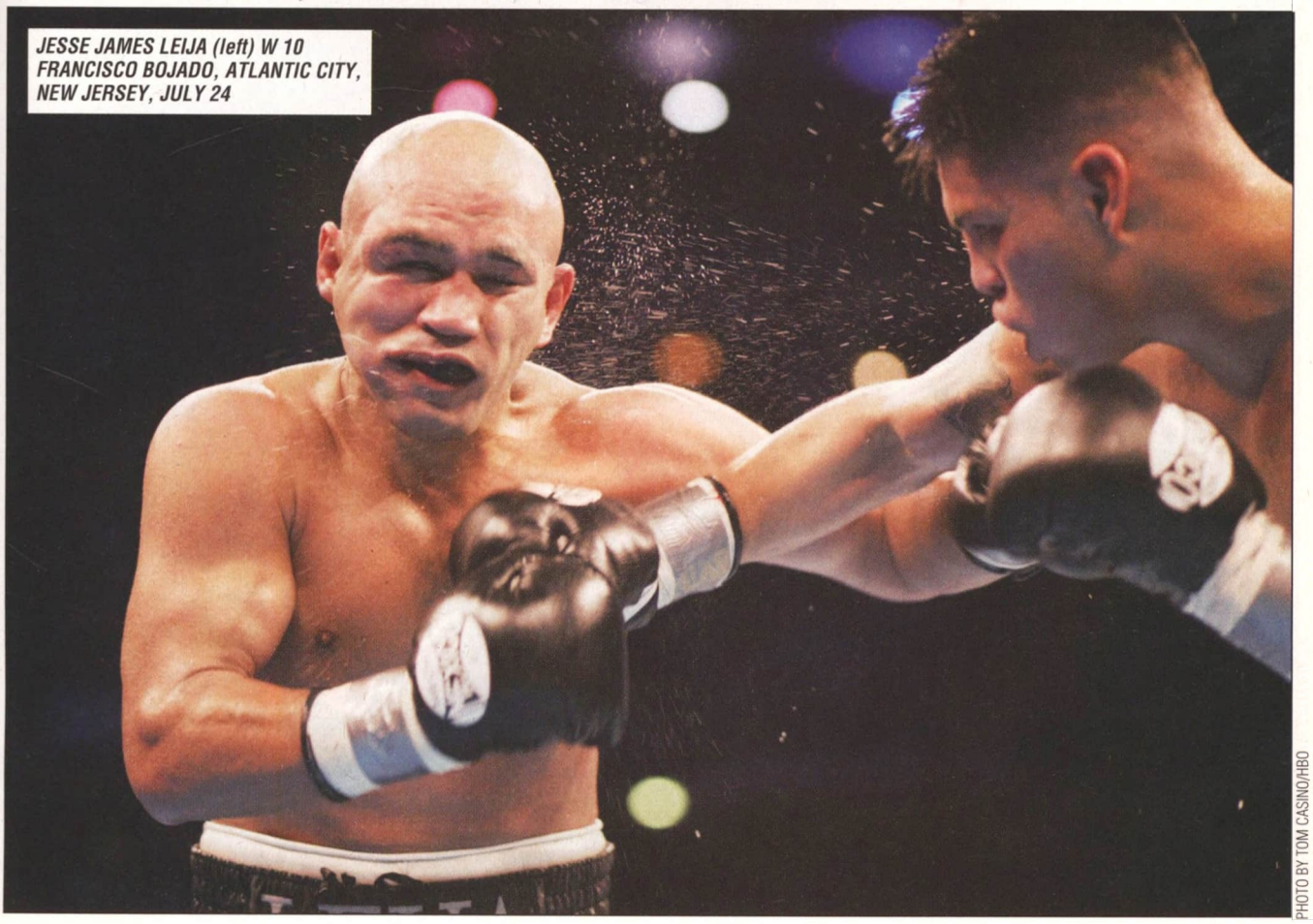

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FRANCISCO BOJADO, ATLANTIC CITY,
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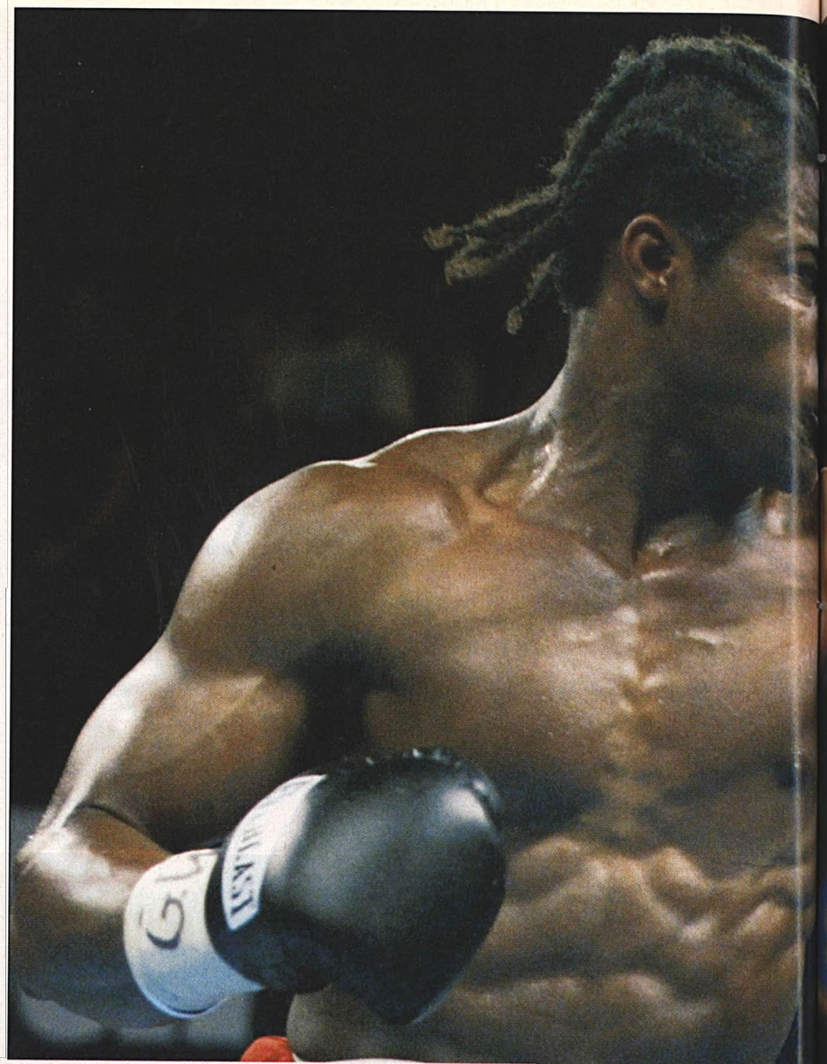

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CHRIS BYRD (right) W 12
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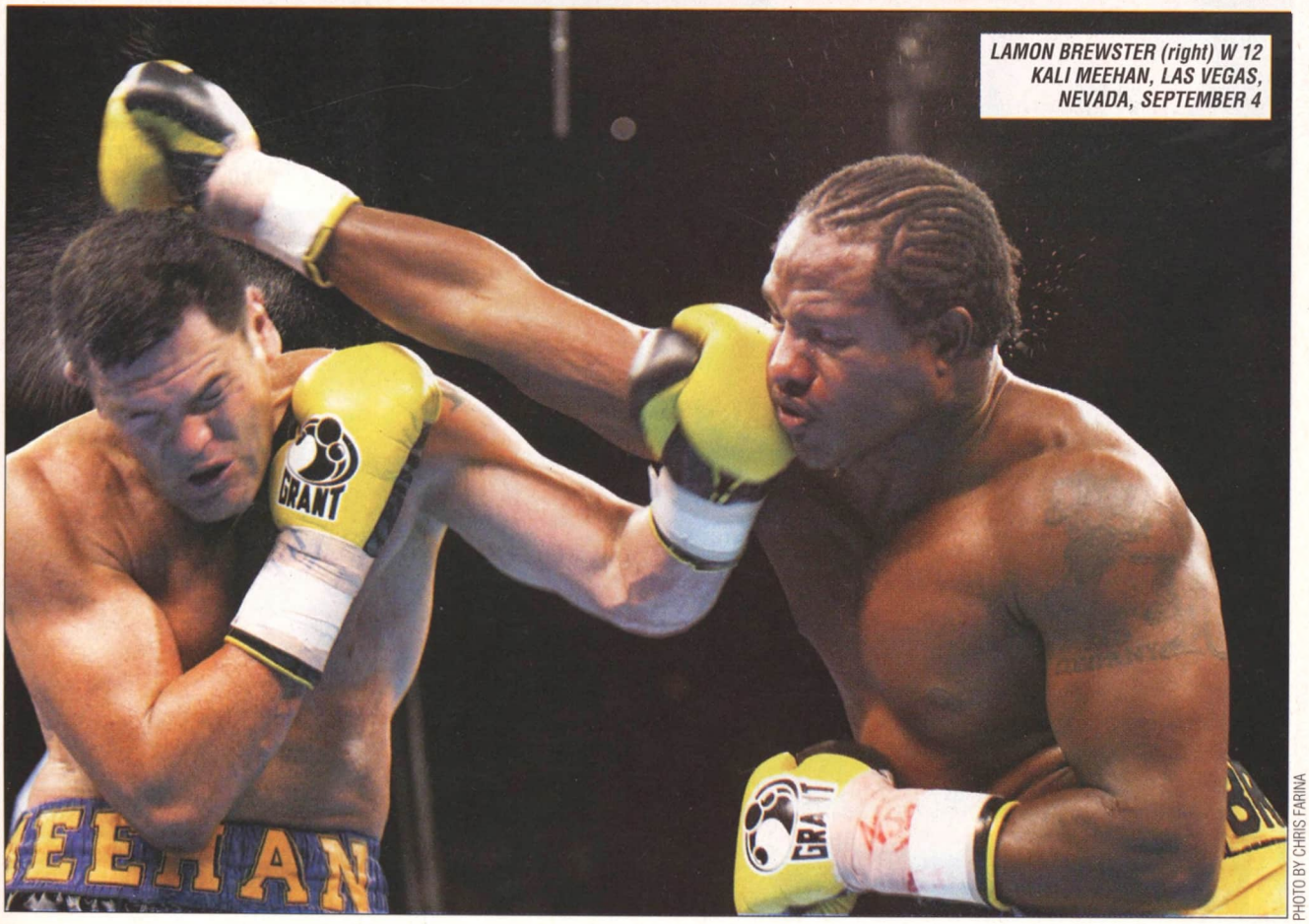

LAMON BREWSTER (right) W 12
KALI MEEHAN, LAS VEGAS,
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LAMON BREWSTER (left)
KO 5 WLADIMIR KLITSCHKO,
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, APRIL 10

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MIGUEL COTTO (left)
KO 4 VICTORIANO SOSA,
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FEBRUARY 28

ERIK MORALES (right) W 12 JESUS CHAVEZ, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FEBRUARY 28

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WINKY WRIGHT (right) W 12 SHANE MOSLEY, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MARCH 13

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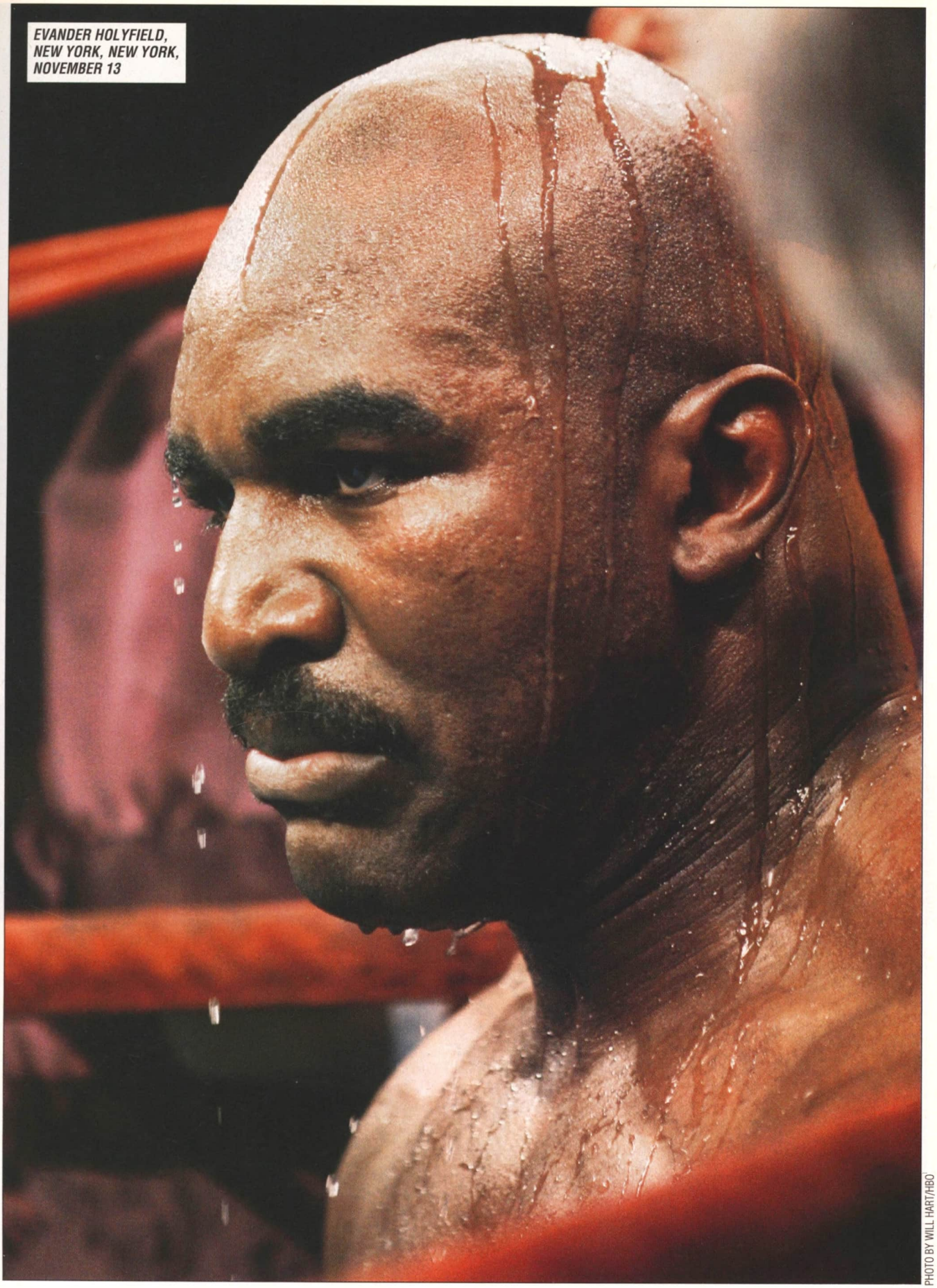
BETWEEN ROUNDS

The 180 seconds between the bell that starts a round and the bell that ends a round are what the judges evaluate. But sometimes, it's the 60-second periods that fall in between that make the difference between victory and defeat. How panicked are the cornermen? How useful is the advice the head trainer is dispensing? How many voices is the fighter hearing at once? Is the Enswell being used effectively? Does the cutman know what he's doing? The answers to these questions can be vital. And what happens in the corner can sometimes be as dramatic and memorable as what happens in the center of the ring.



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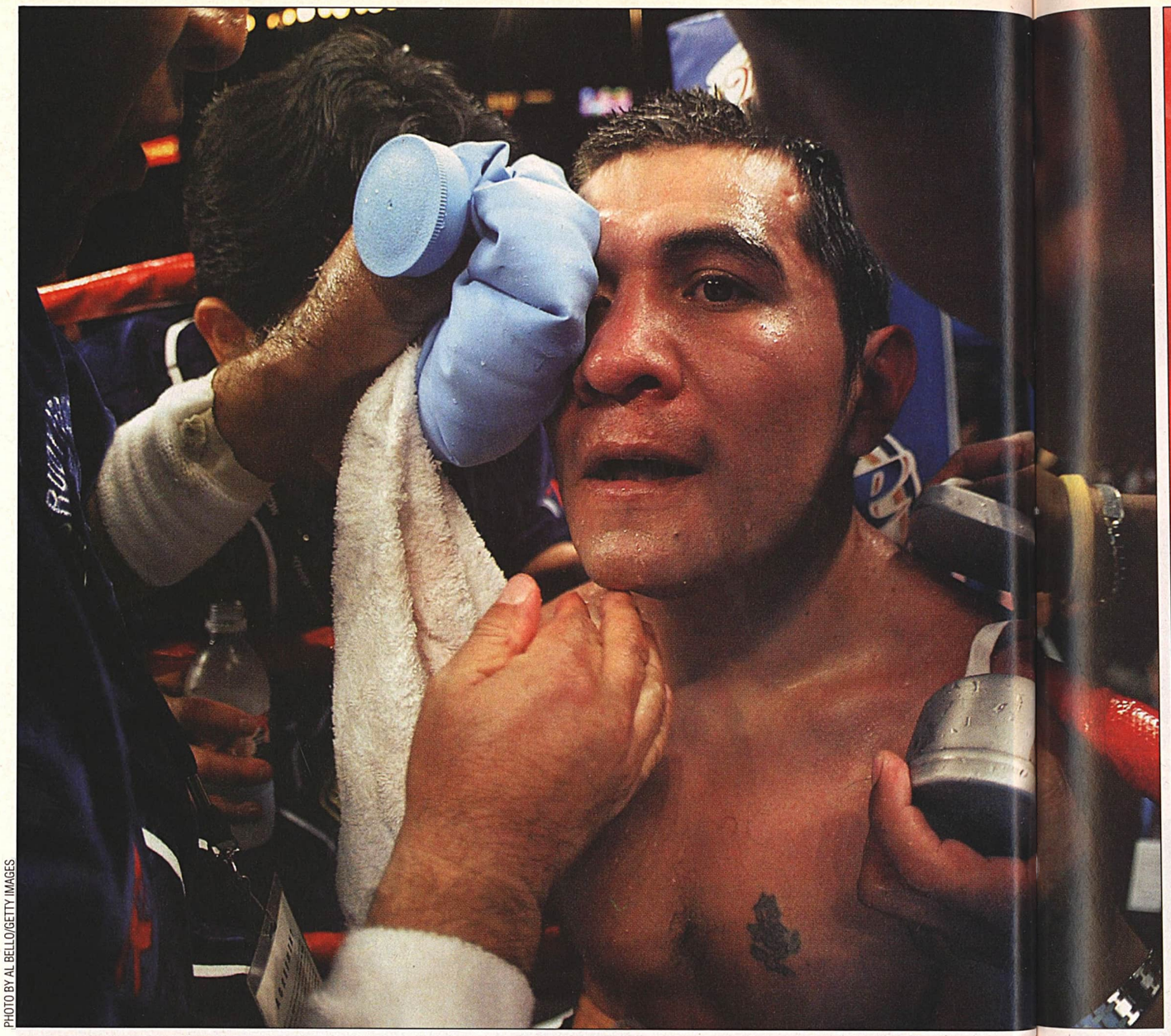

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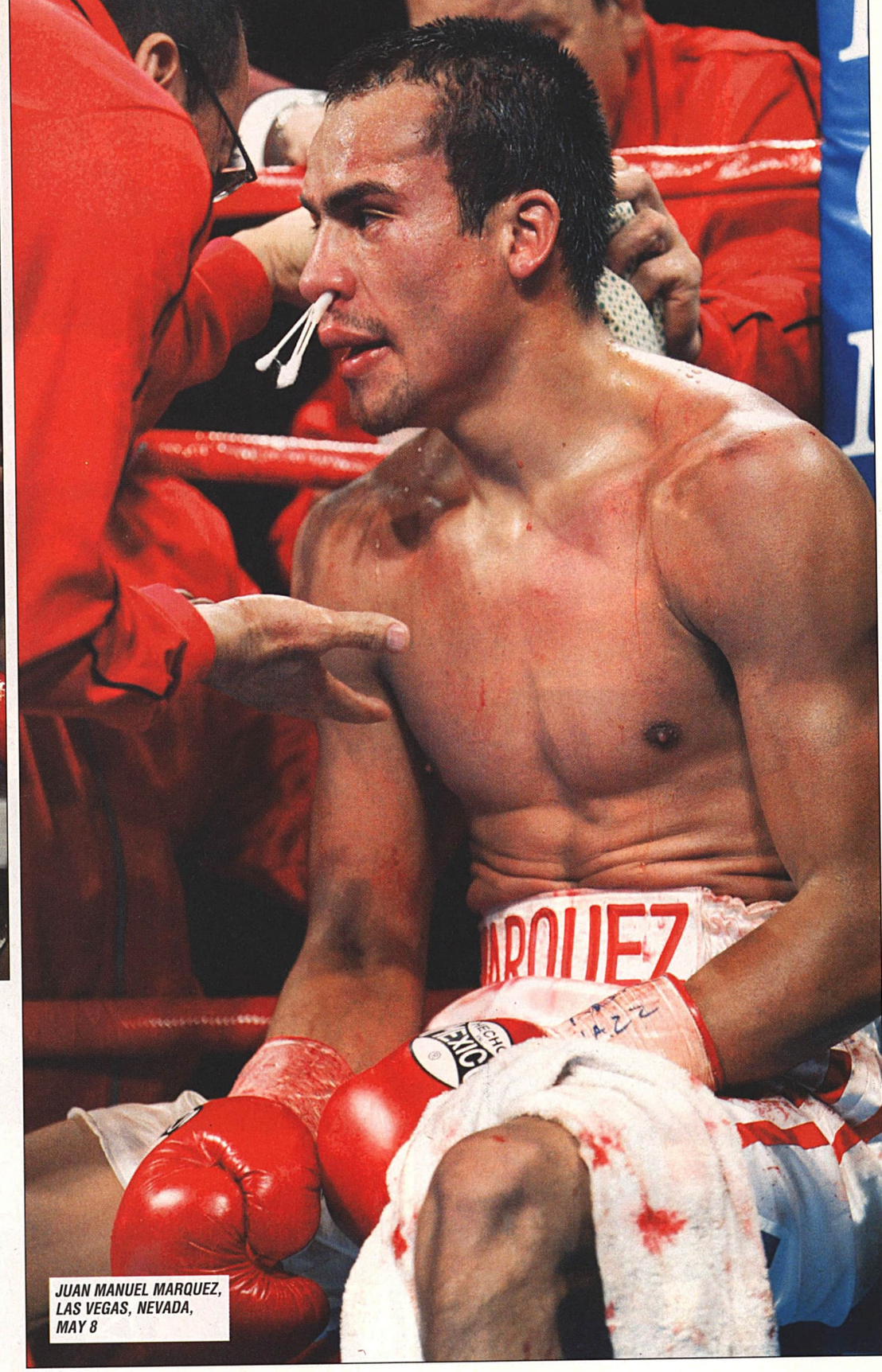

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JUAN MANUEL MARQUEZ, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MAY 8

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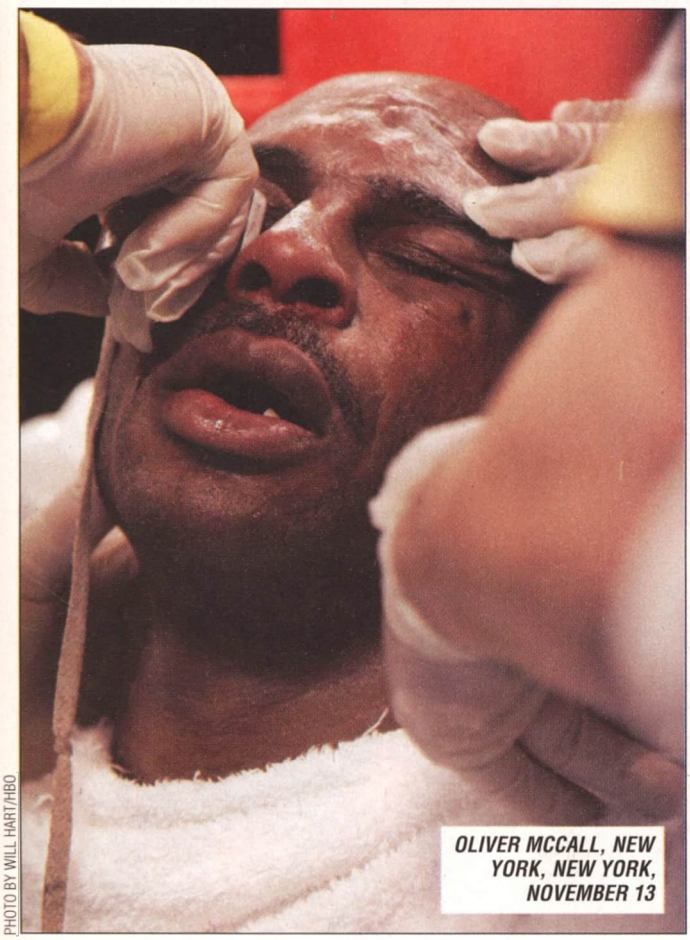

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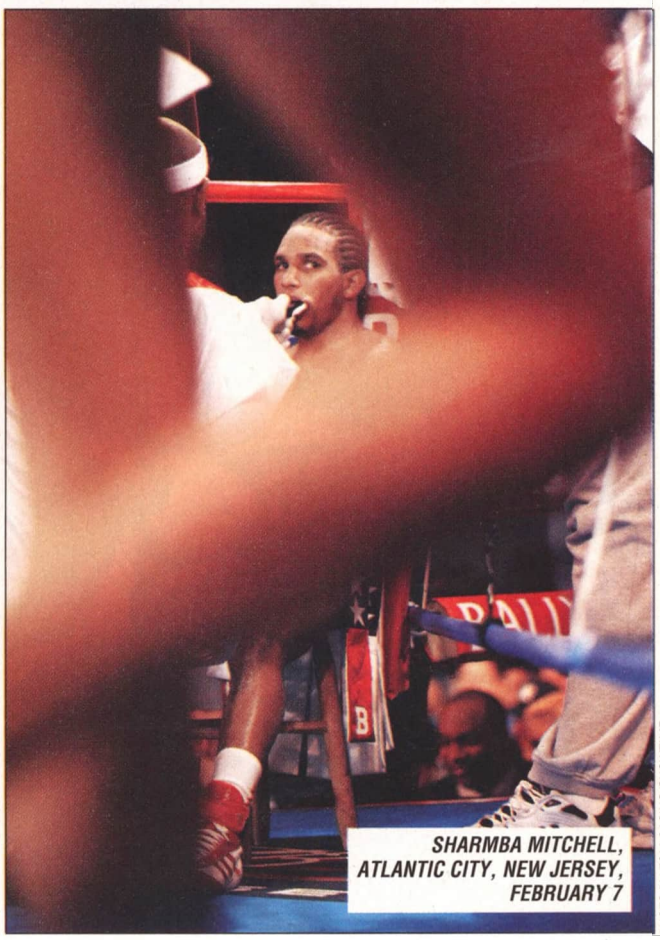

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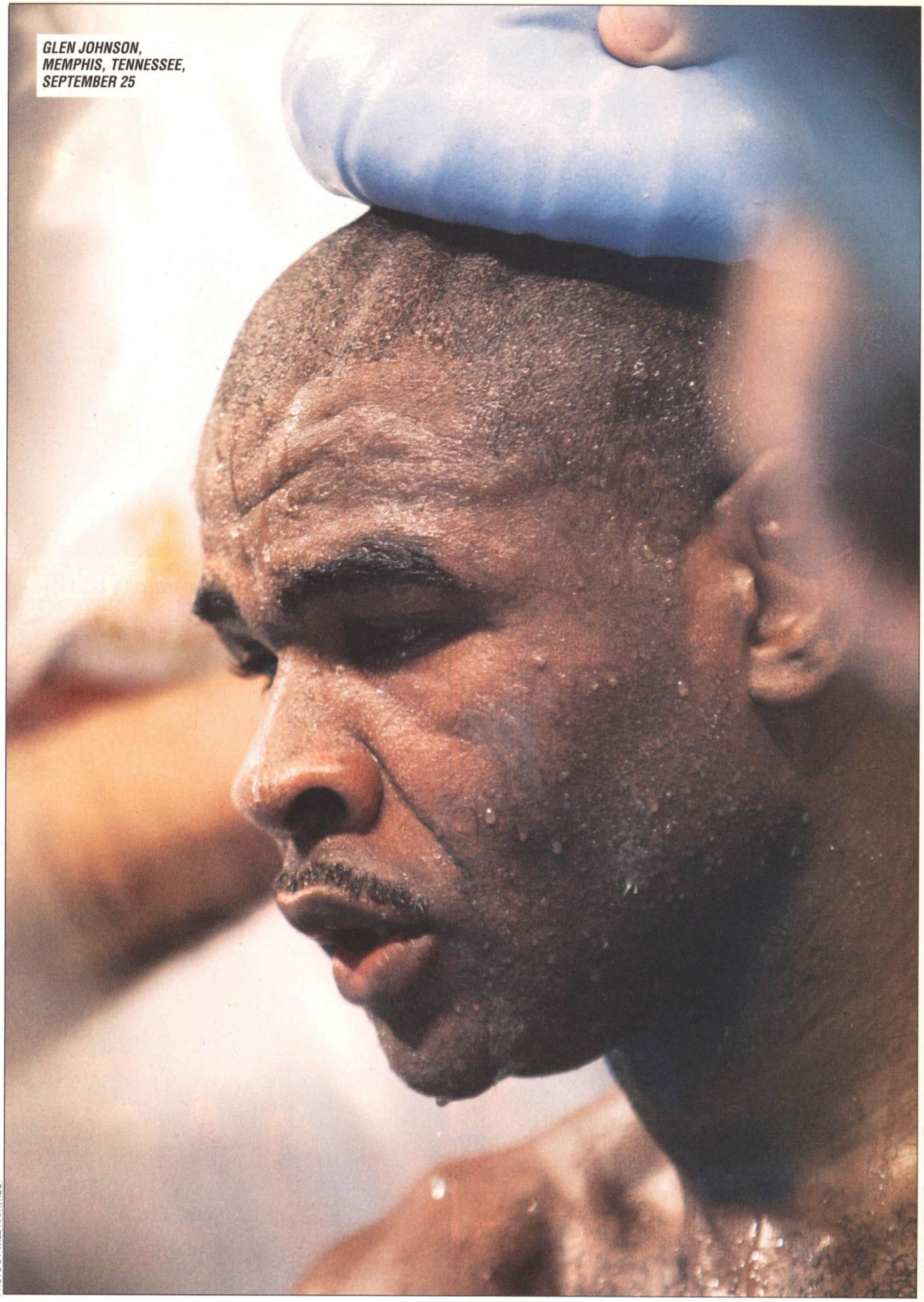

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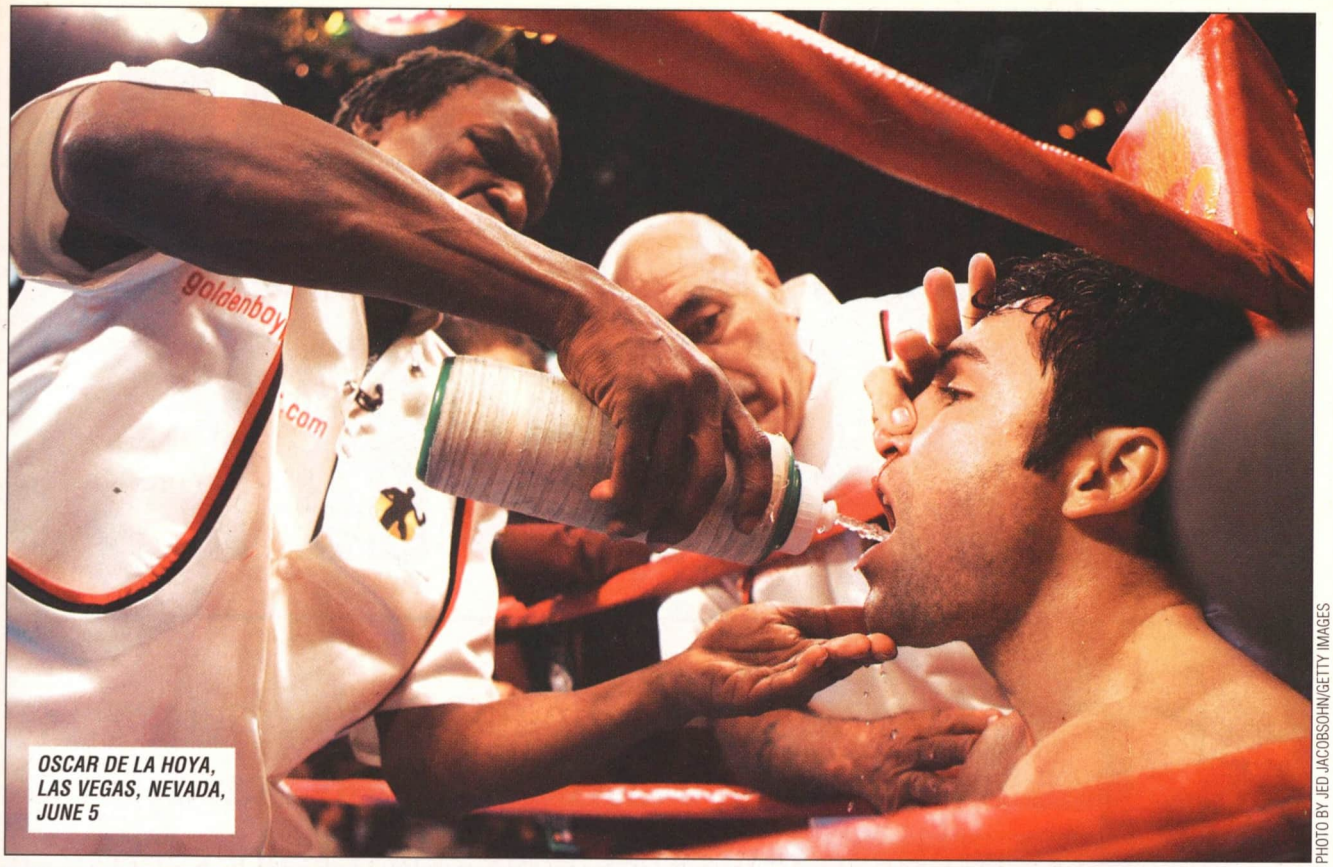

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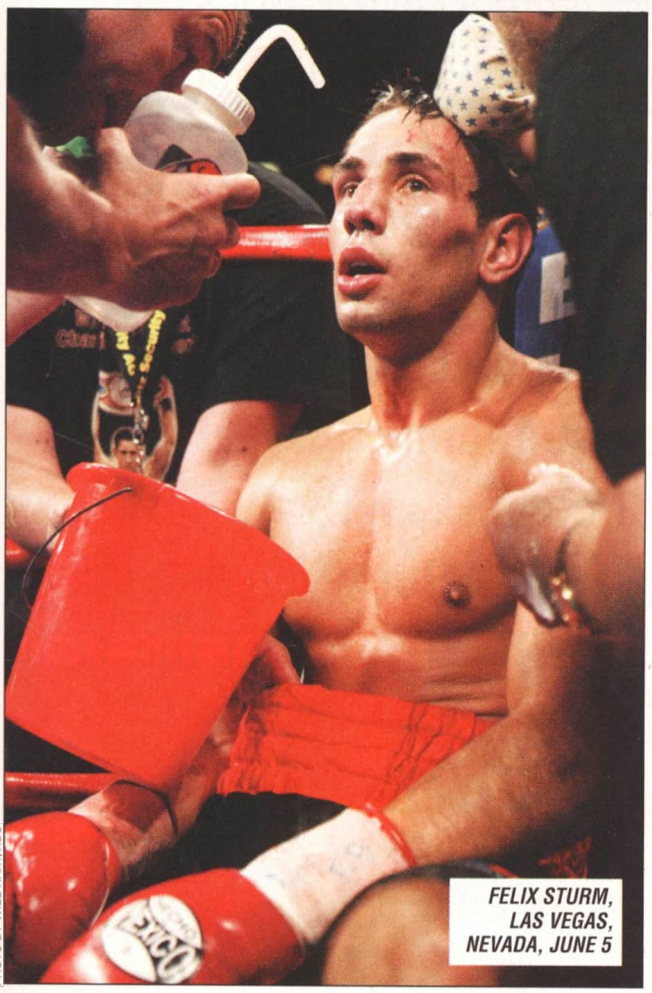

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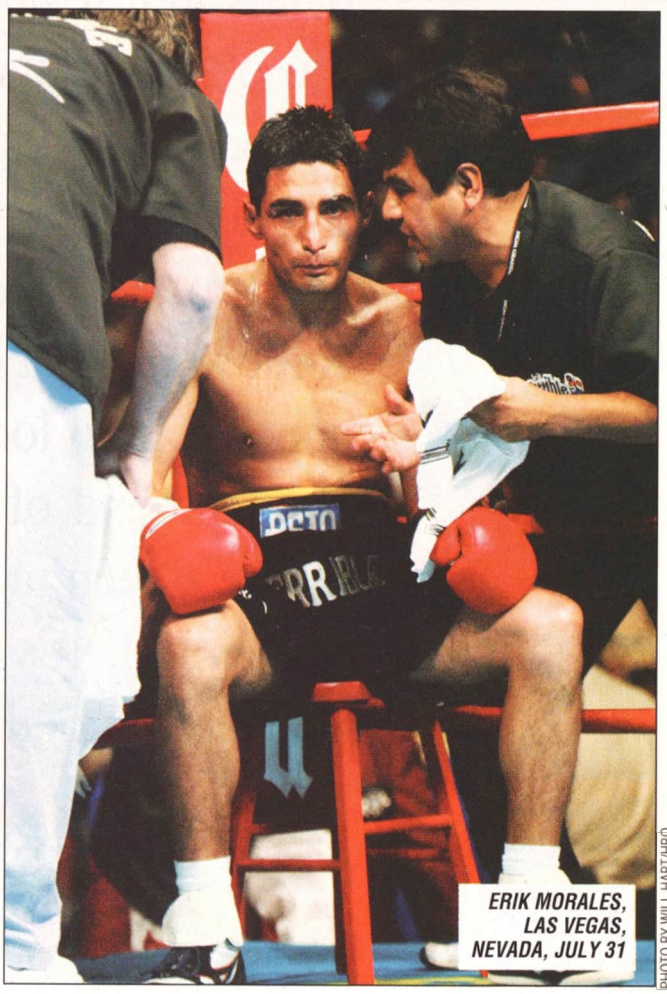

ERIK MORALES, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, JULY 31

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THE PRICE OF GLORY

There's no sugarcoating it: Boxing is a dangerous sport that exacts a toll on its brave participants. In few other walks of life does a day at the office end with eyes swollen shut, skin ripped open, and a trip to the hospital. But in boxing, every warrior knows that each time he steps between the ropes, battle scars of some sort are a likelihood. It's a cliche for an announcer to look at a lumped up boxer at or near the end of a contest and say, "You can tell he's been in a fight." But when that cliche comes out, it's usually a sign that the fight has been a good one.

VASSILIY JIROV, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MARCH 13

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JUAN MANUEL MARQUEZ D 12 MANNY PACQUIAO, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MAY 8

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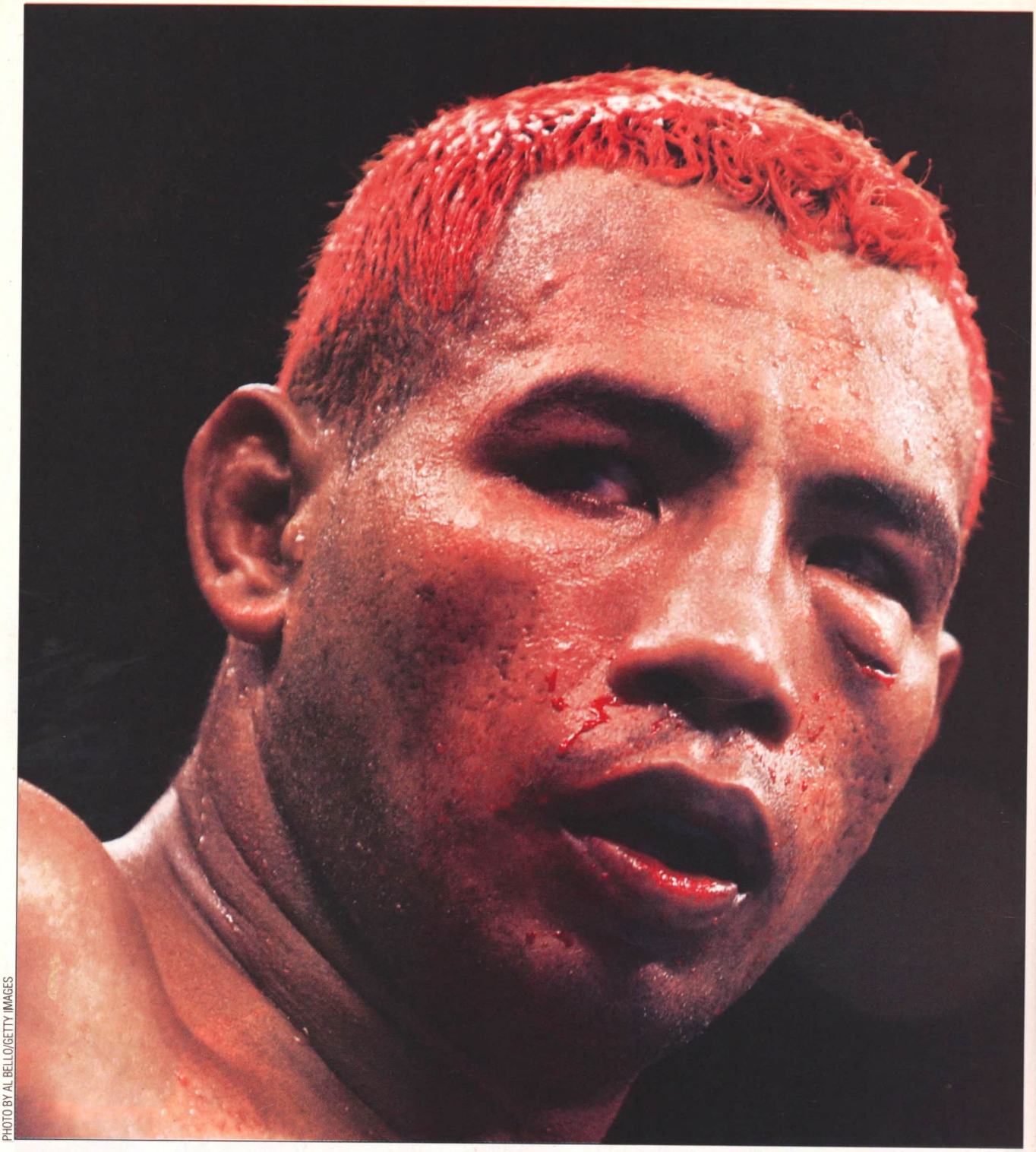

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JUAN LAZCANO, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, JUNE 5

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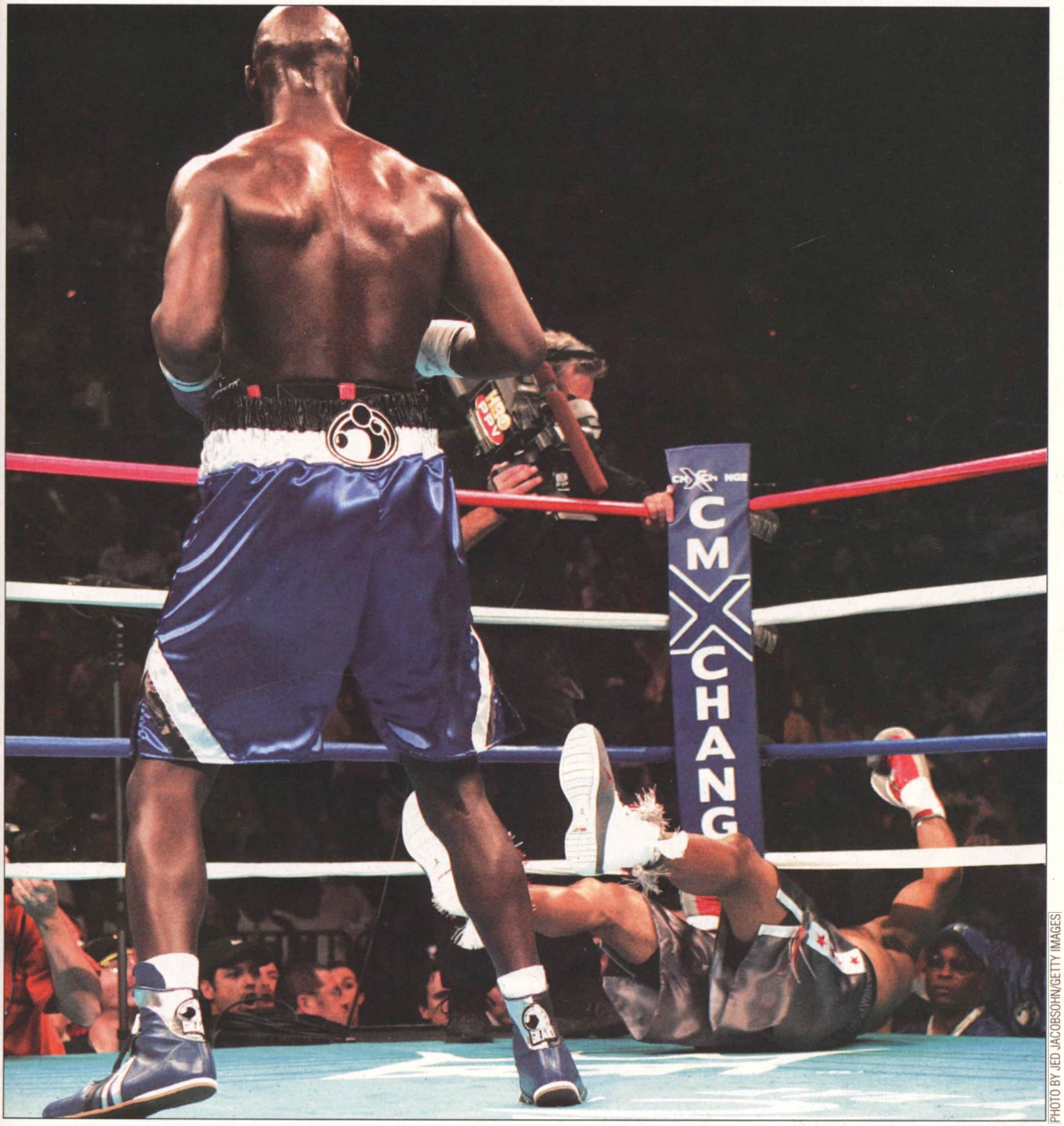
KNOCKOUT!

Sometimes it comes from one perfectly placed punch on the chin. Sometimes it comes from a series of imperfect but cumulatively devastating punches. Sometimes, as we were reminded repeatedly in 2004, it comes from a wicked shot to the body. Whatever brings it about, the knockout is boxing's walkoff home run, overtime touchdown, and buzzer-beating three-pointer all rolled into one. Whether it comes via the 10-count or via a referee jumping in and saving a failing fighter, it always takes the fight out of the judges' hands. You can't ask for much more than that.



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ANTONIO TARVER KO 2 ROY JONES, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MAY 15

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SAMUEL PETER KO 2 JEREMY WILLIAMS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, DECEMBER 4

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MARTIN CASTILLO KO 11 HIDEYASU ISHIHARA, GIFU, JAPAN, MAY 16

NICK CASAL KO 3 ANTHONY NELSON, JOPLIN, MISSOURI, JUNE 5

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KOFI JANTUAH KO 1 MARCO ANTONIO RUBIO, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, SEPTEMBER 18

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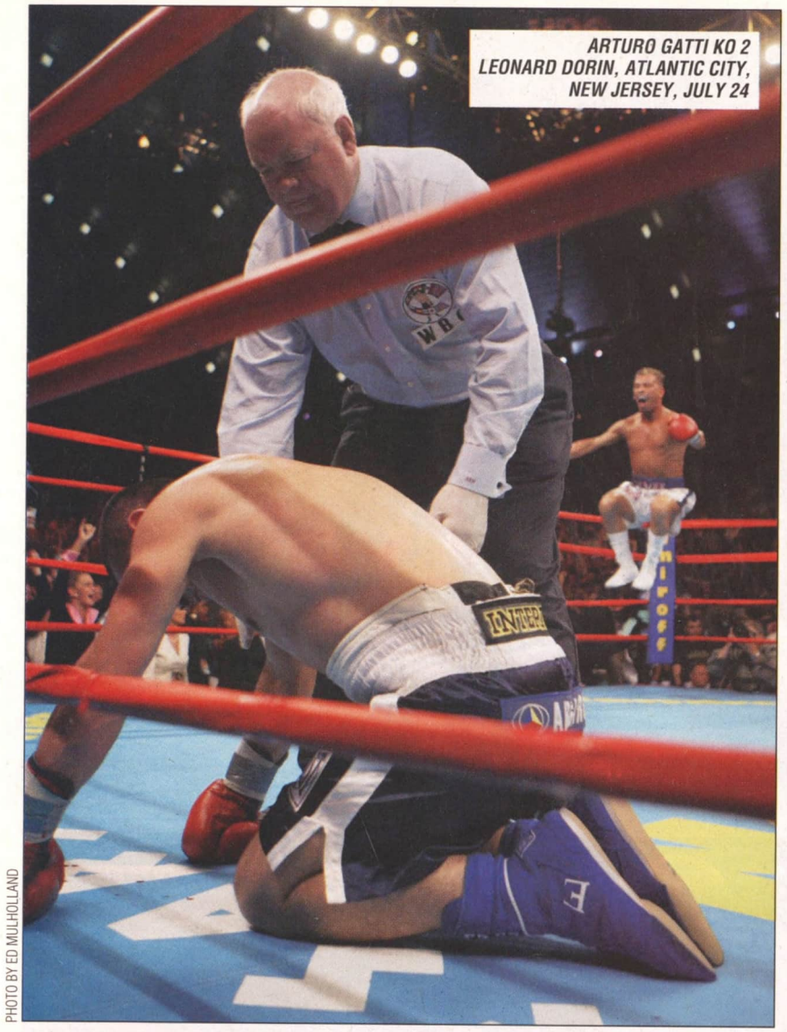

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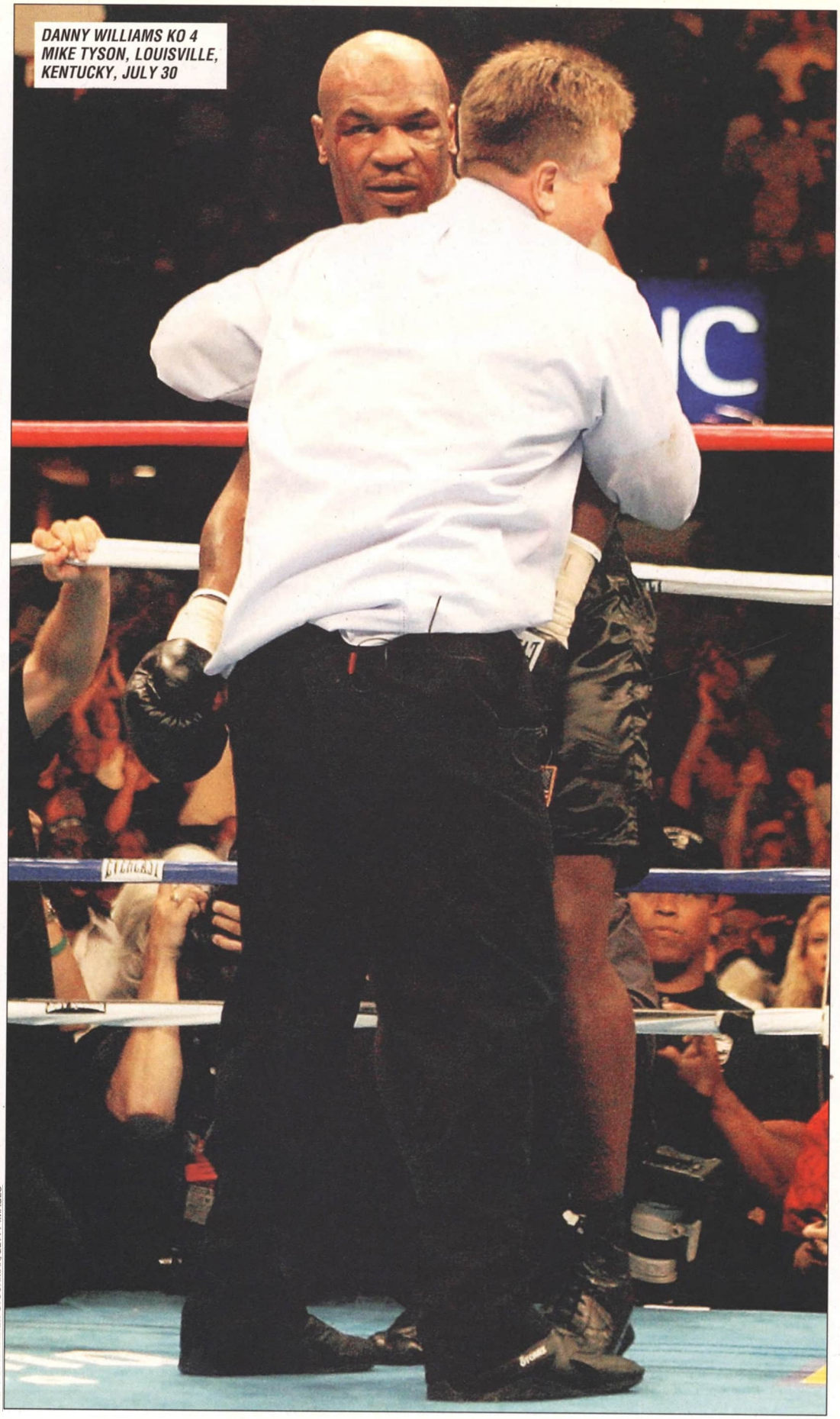

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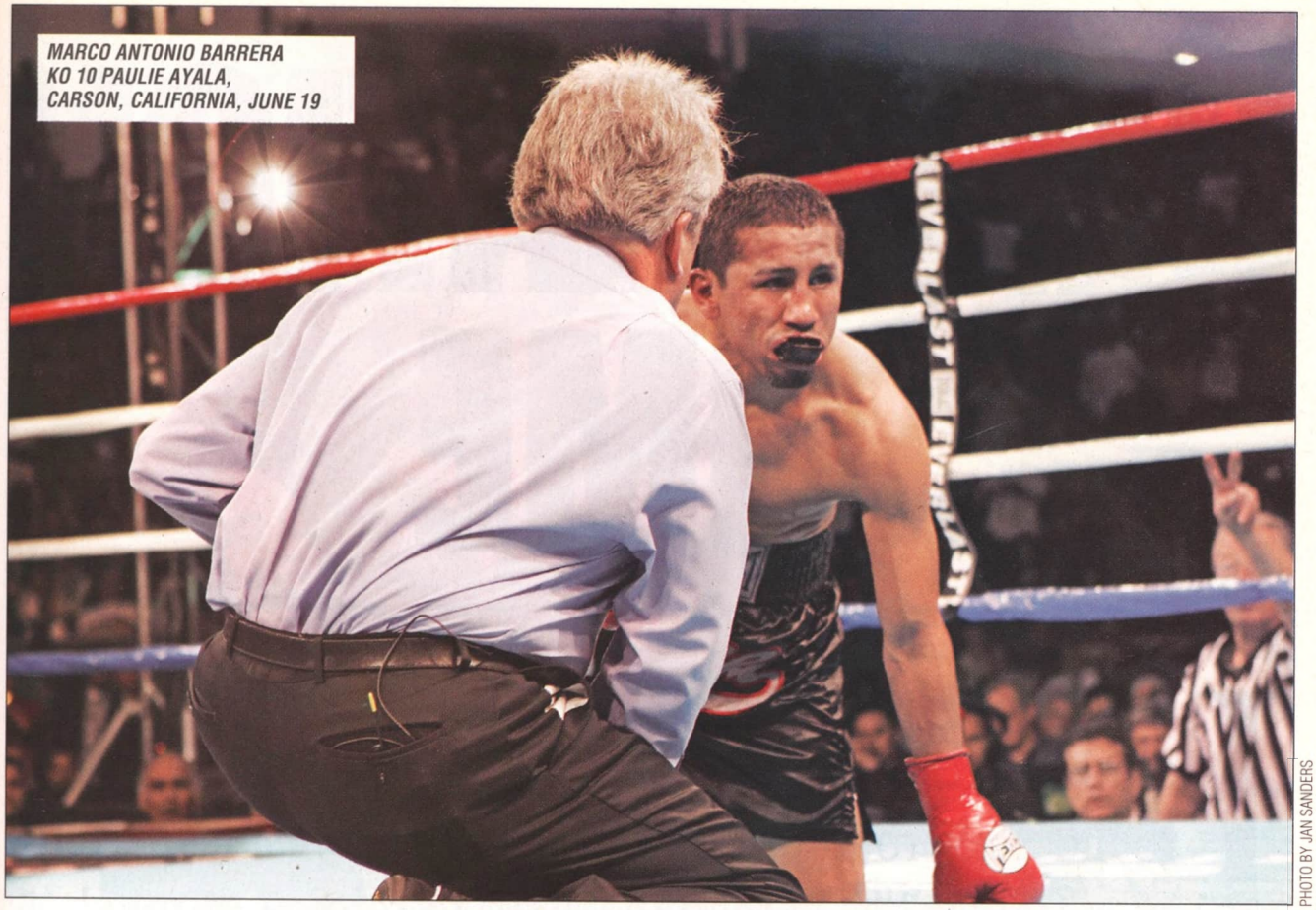

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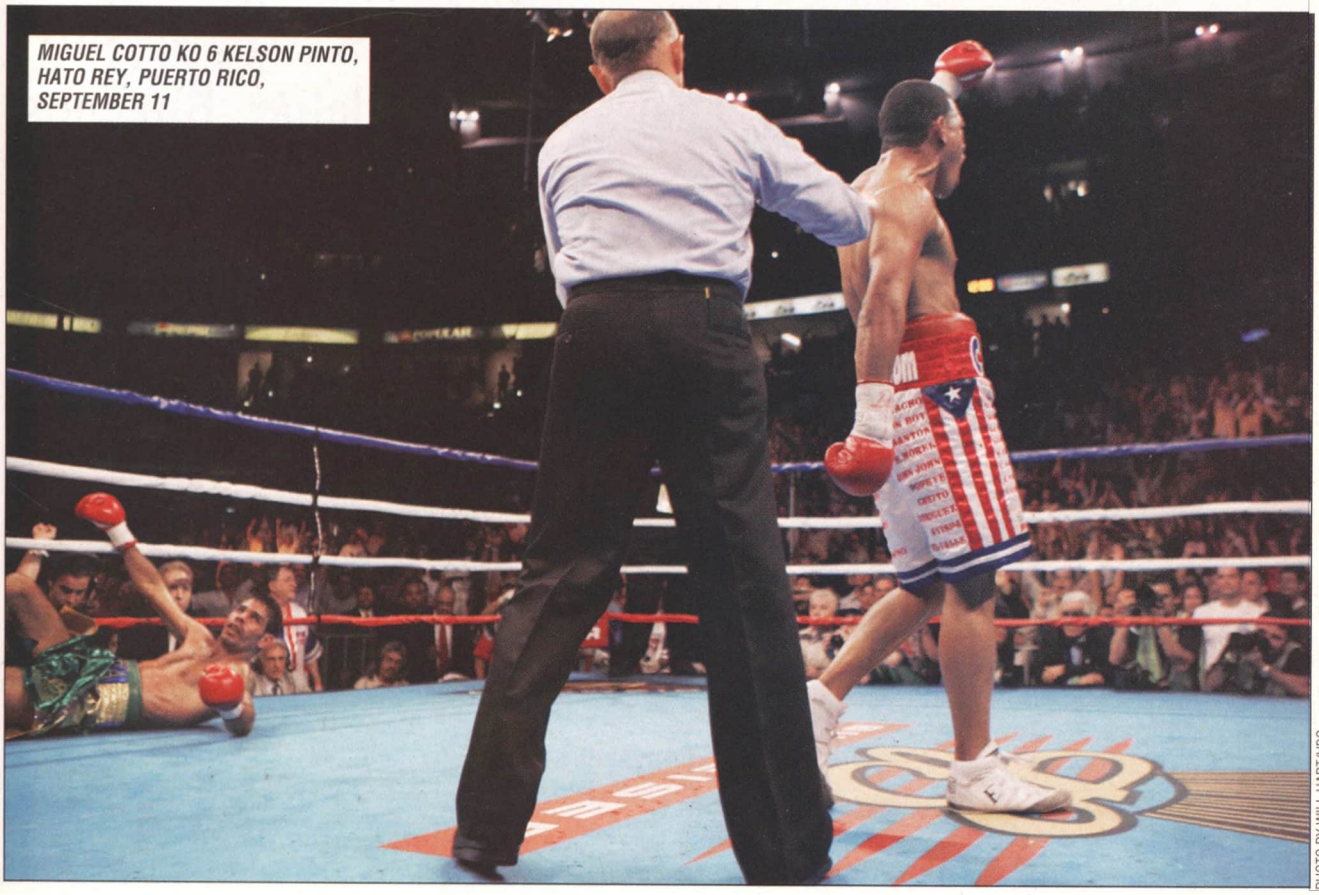

MIGUEL COTTO KO 6 KELSON PINTO, HATO REY, PUERTO RICO, SEPTEMBER 11

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CELEBRATION TIME

In boxing, there's no such thing as a celebration too exuberant. When months of intense training and round after round of extreme exertion result in victory, a fighter has earned the right to rejoice as much as he likes. Some fighters prefer to be reserved, sensitive to their opponents. That's commendable. But most fighters like to let loose, get cocky, strut around, flex their muscles, and scream at the top of their lungs. By all means, they should feel free. It's their time to bask in the knowledge that all of the hard work and sacrifice was worthwhile.

ANTONIO TARVER, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MAY 15

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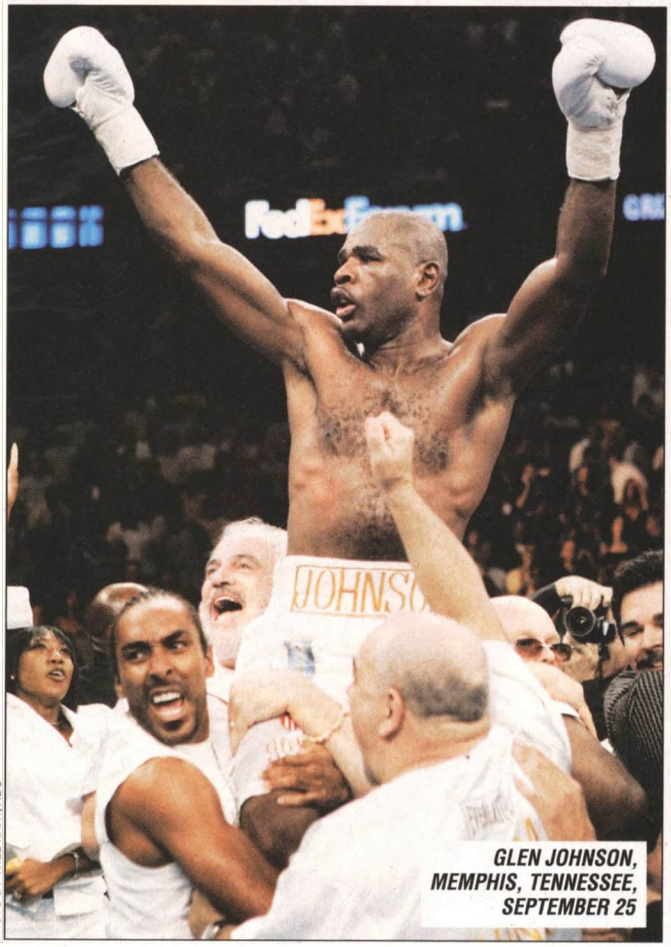

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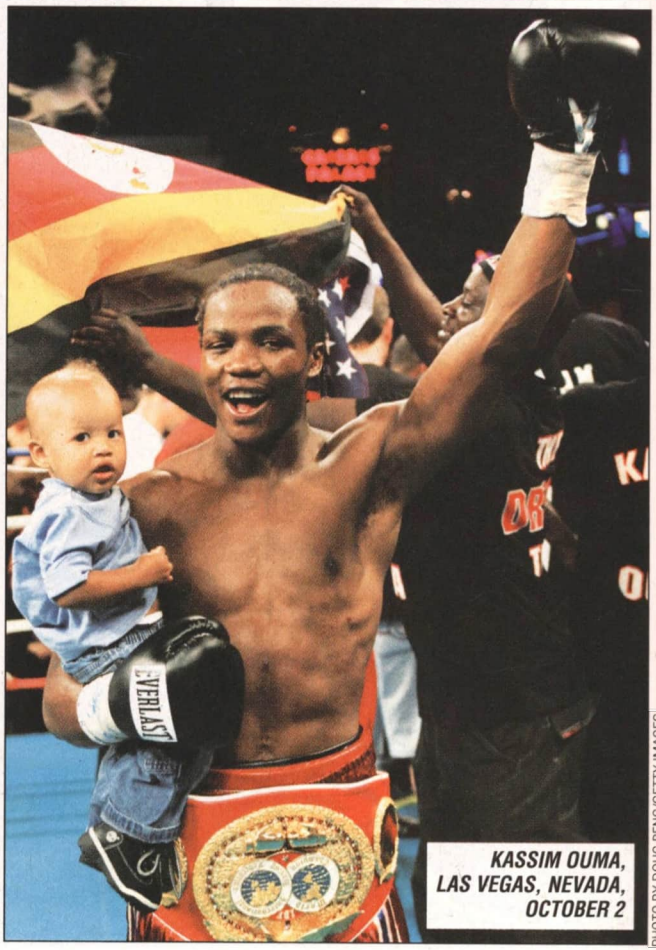

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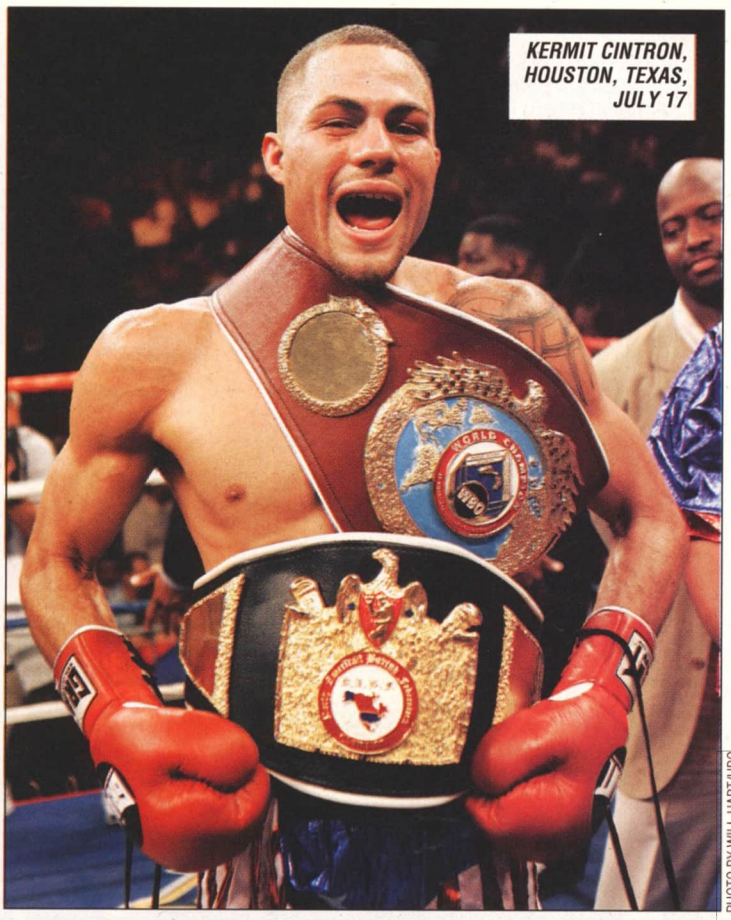

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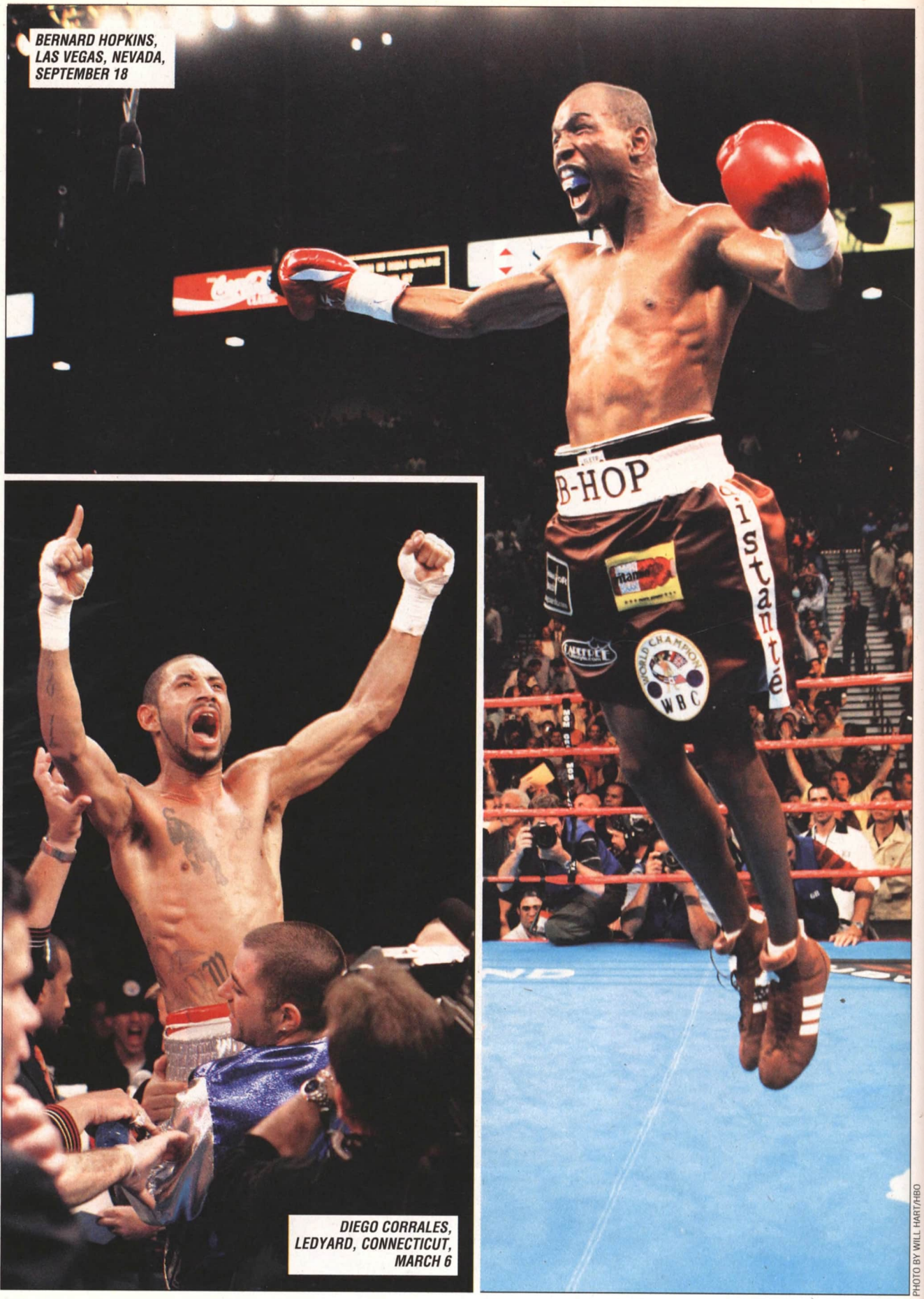

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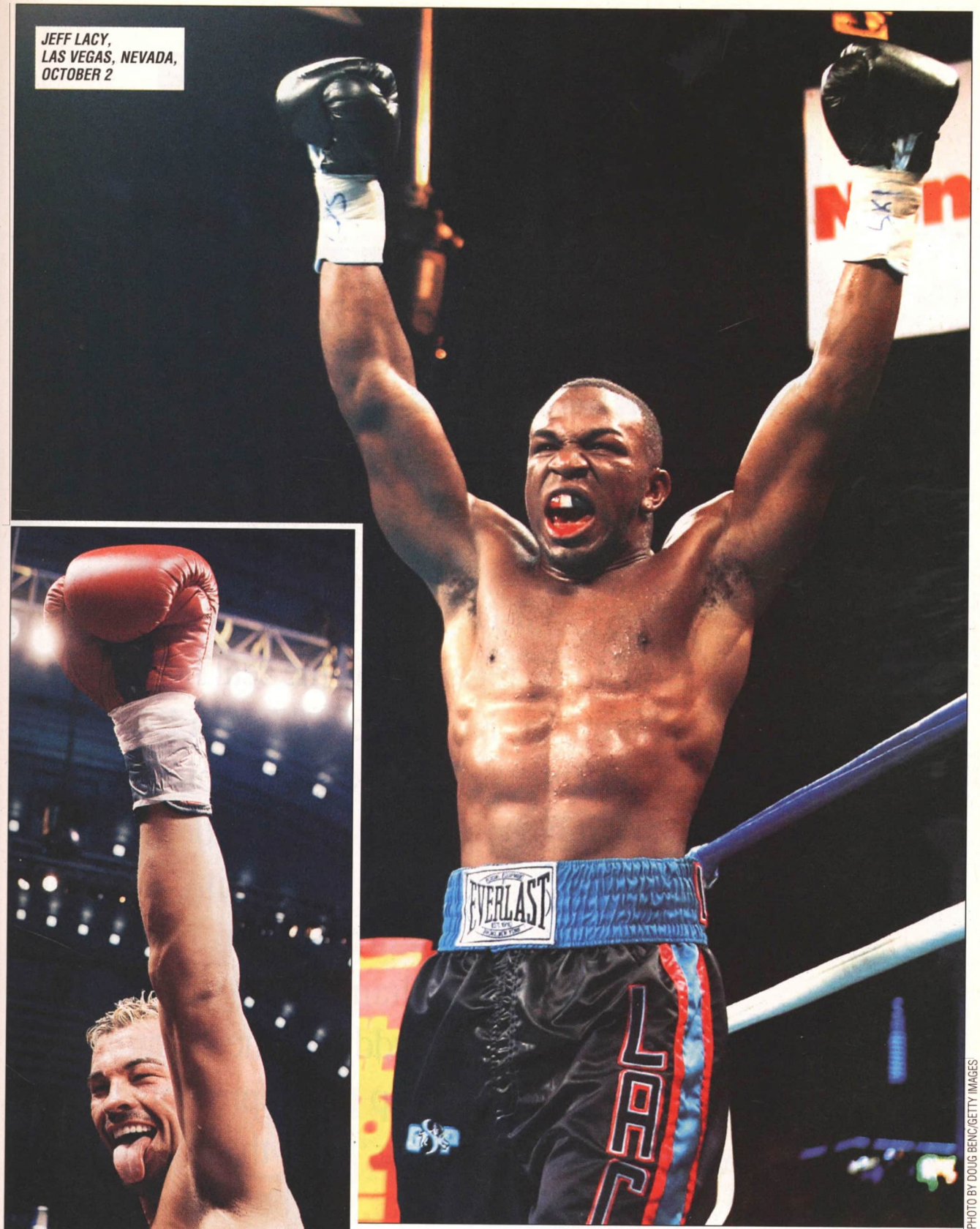

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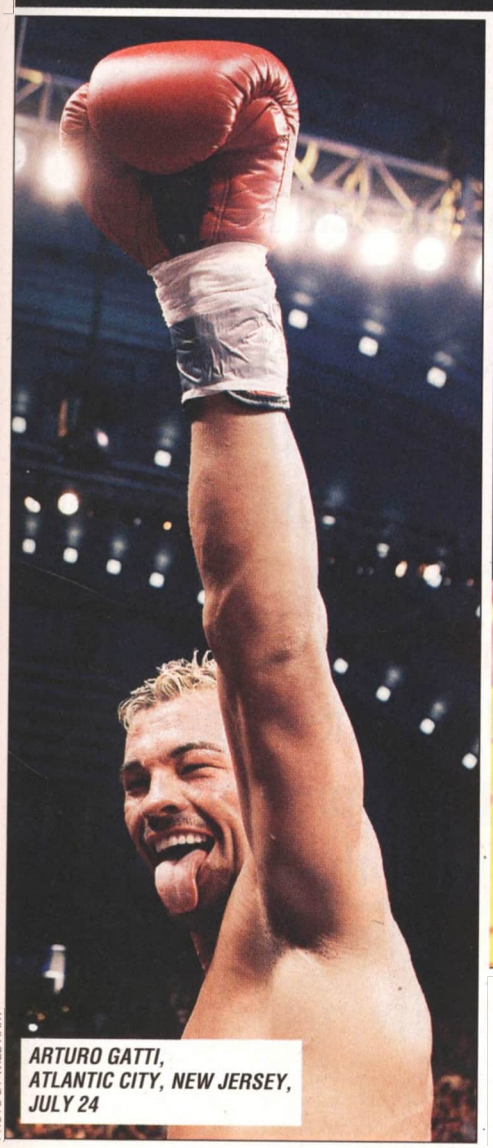

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THE REAL CHAMPS

Vitali Klitschko said it better than we ever could following his December 2004 victory over Danny Williams. When asked why he should be regarded as the real heavyweight champion, Klitschko said simply: "I have THE RING belt." It's a championship that can only be won or lost inside the ropes, not at a meeting of sanctioning body officials. It's a championship that's been around longer than any of the alphabet straps you see muddying the picture today. It's a championship that represents the best interests of boxing. And that's why, more and more each year, it's becoming the only championship that really matters to truly elite fighters and to serious fight fans.

WAYNE MCCULLOUGH, JOSE LUIS CASTILLO, ROBERTO DURAN

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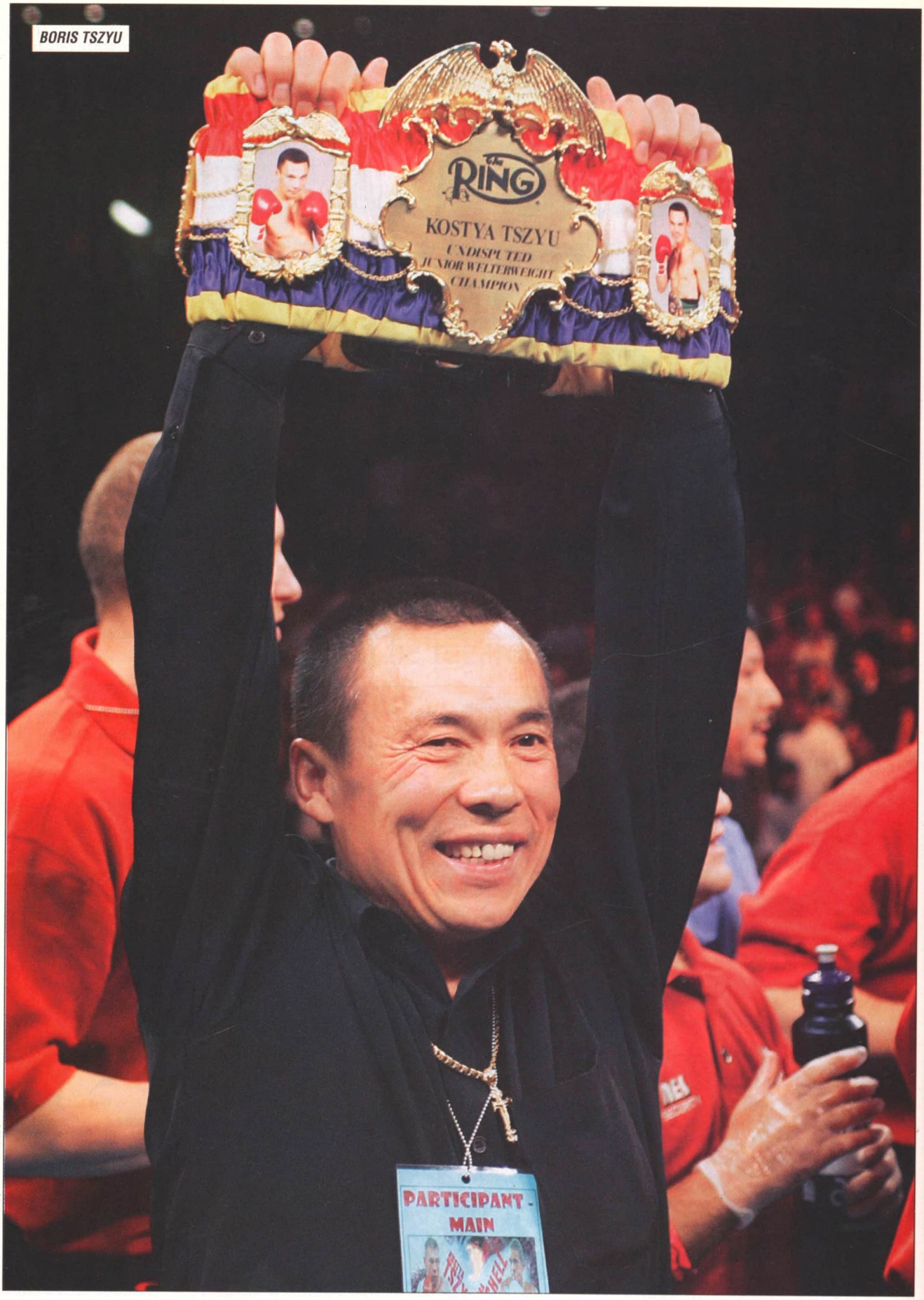

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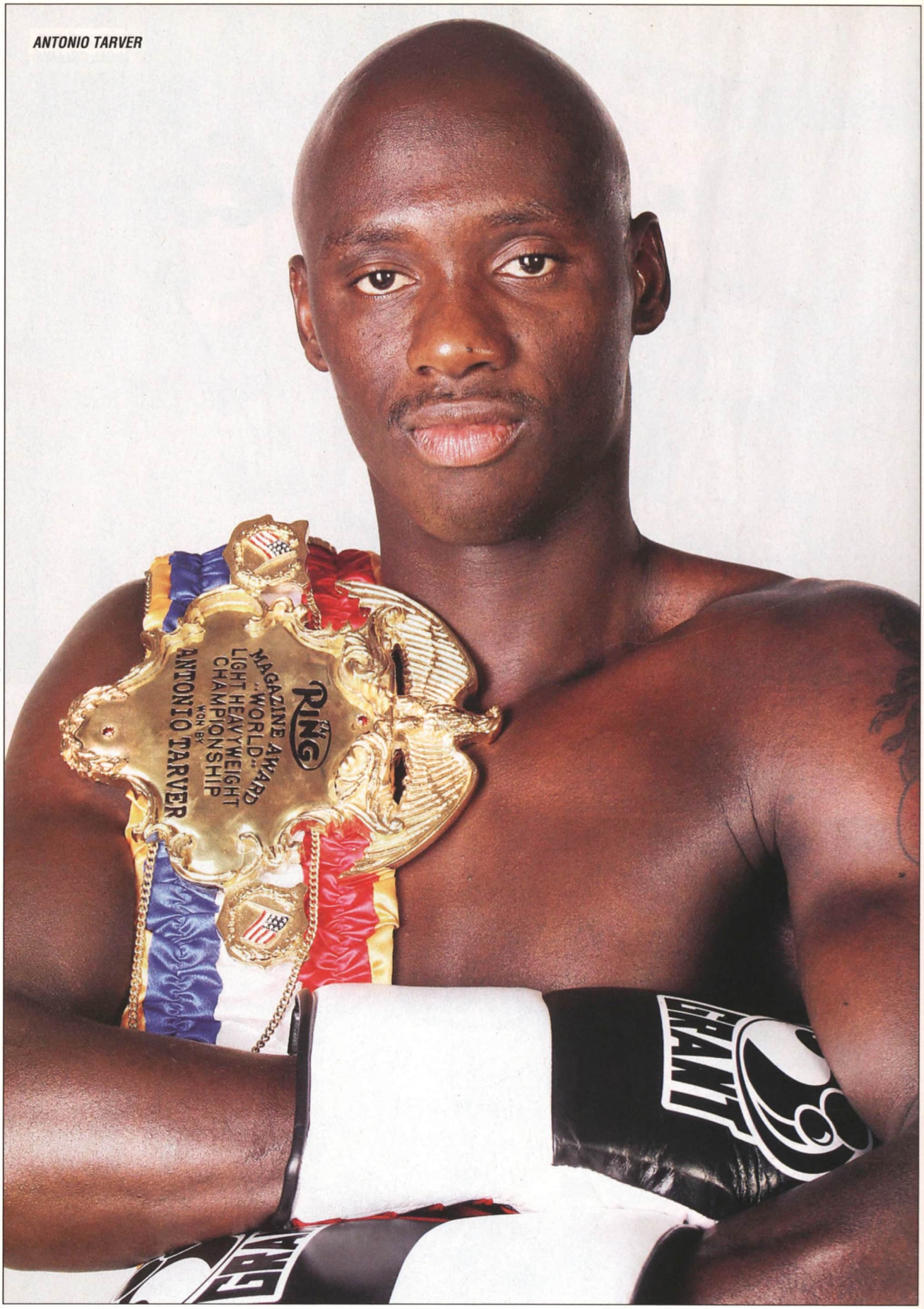

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OUTSIDE THE ROPES

Nobody's getting into the Hall of Fame based on what happens beyond the ring, but that doesn't mean it isn't important. What happens in training, in public appearances, in everyday life—that's what makes the fighter the person that he or she is. The moments captured here offer a glimpse at the side of the fighters we seldom see. It's the human side, something we almost forget they have when we watch them make such superhuman acts seem so natural.

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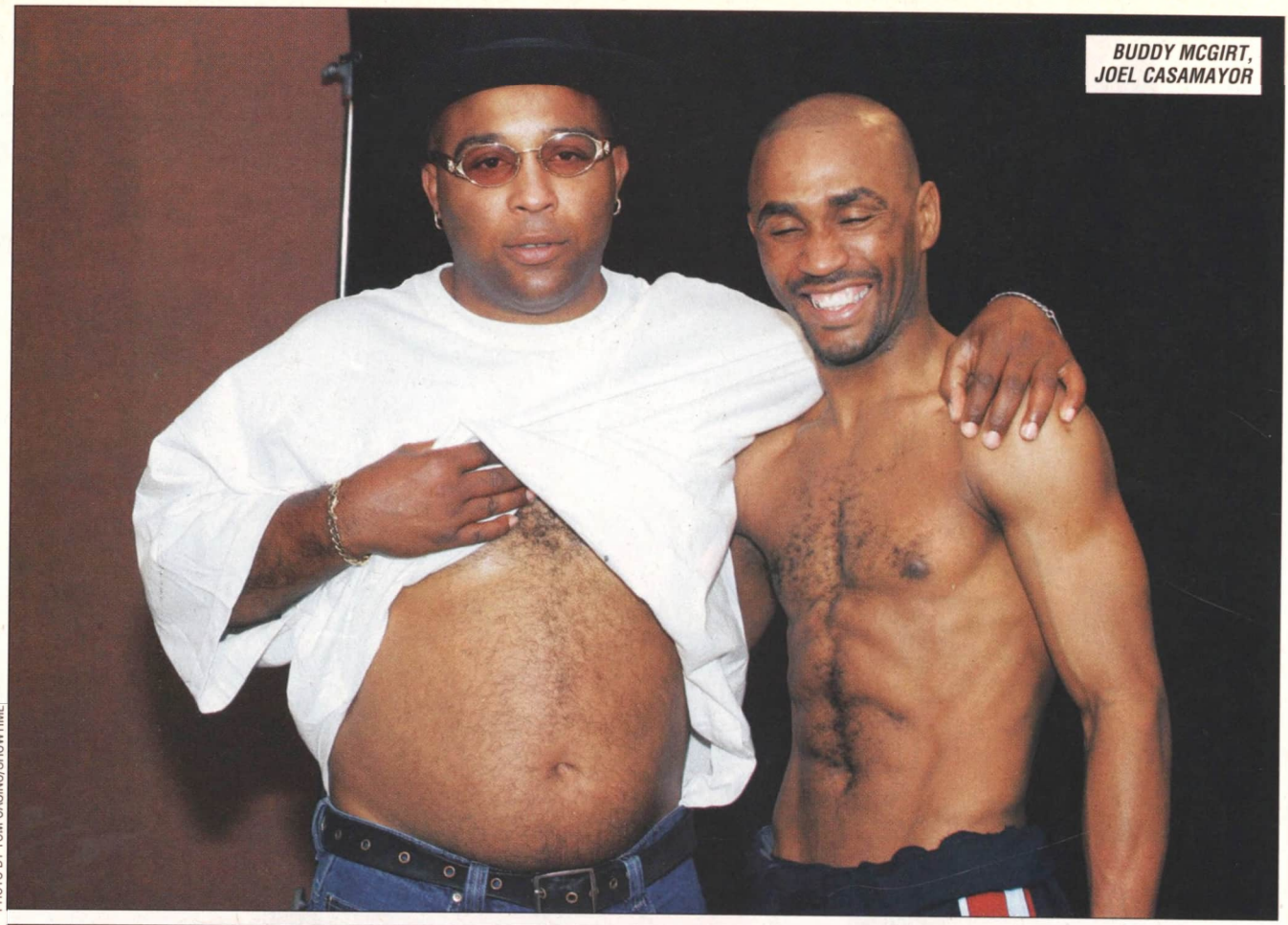

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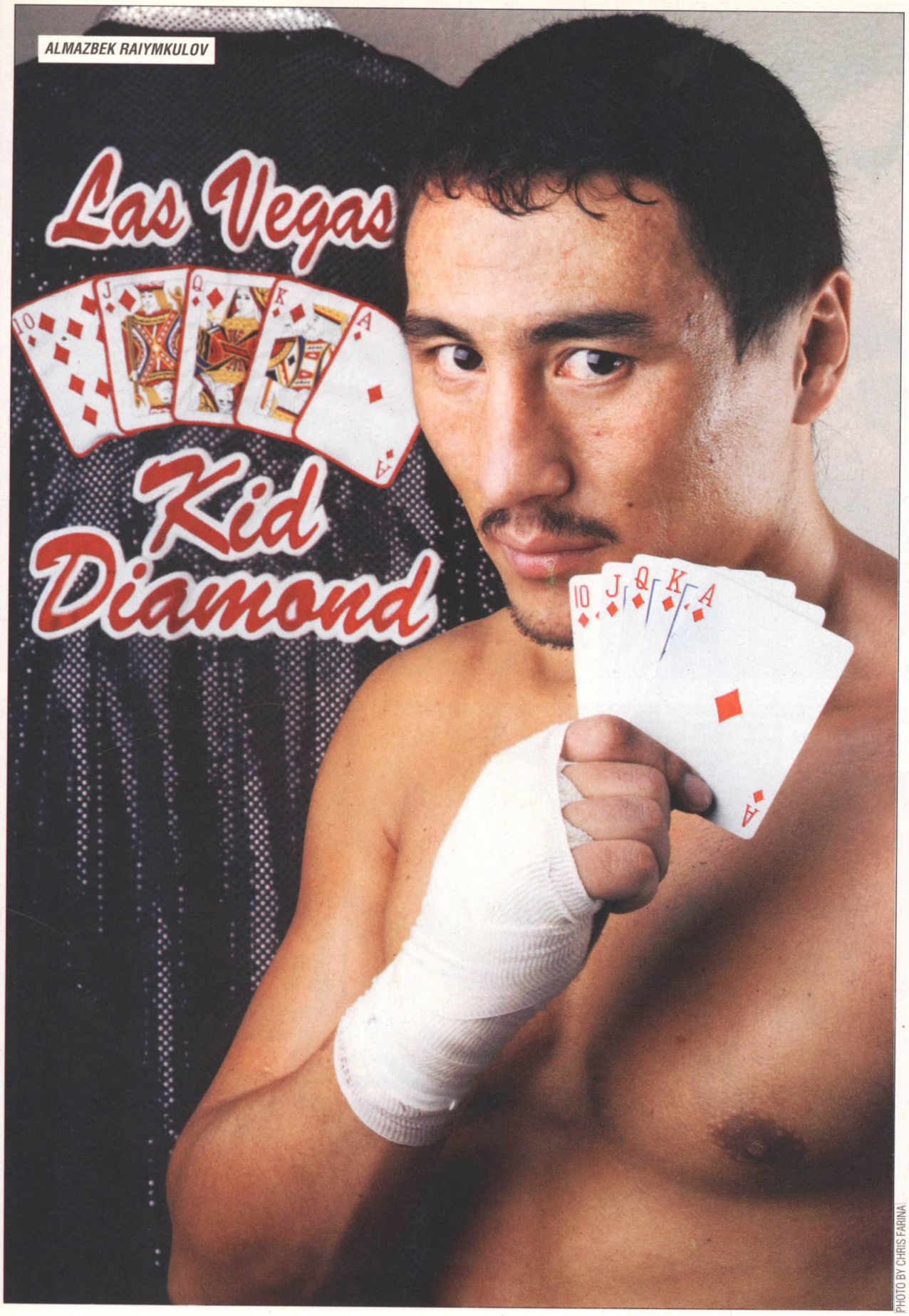
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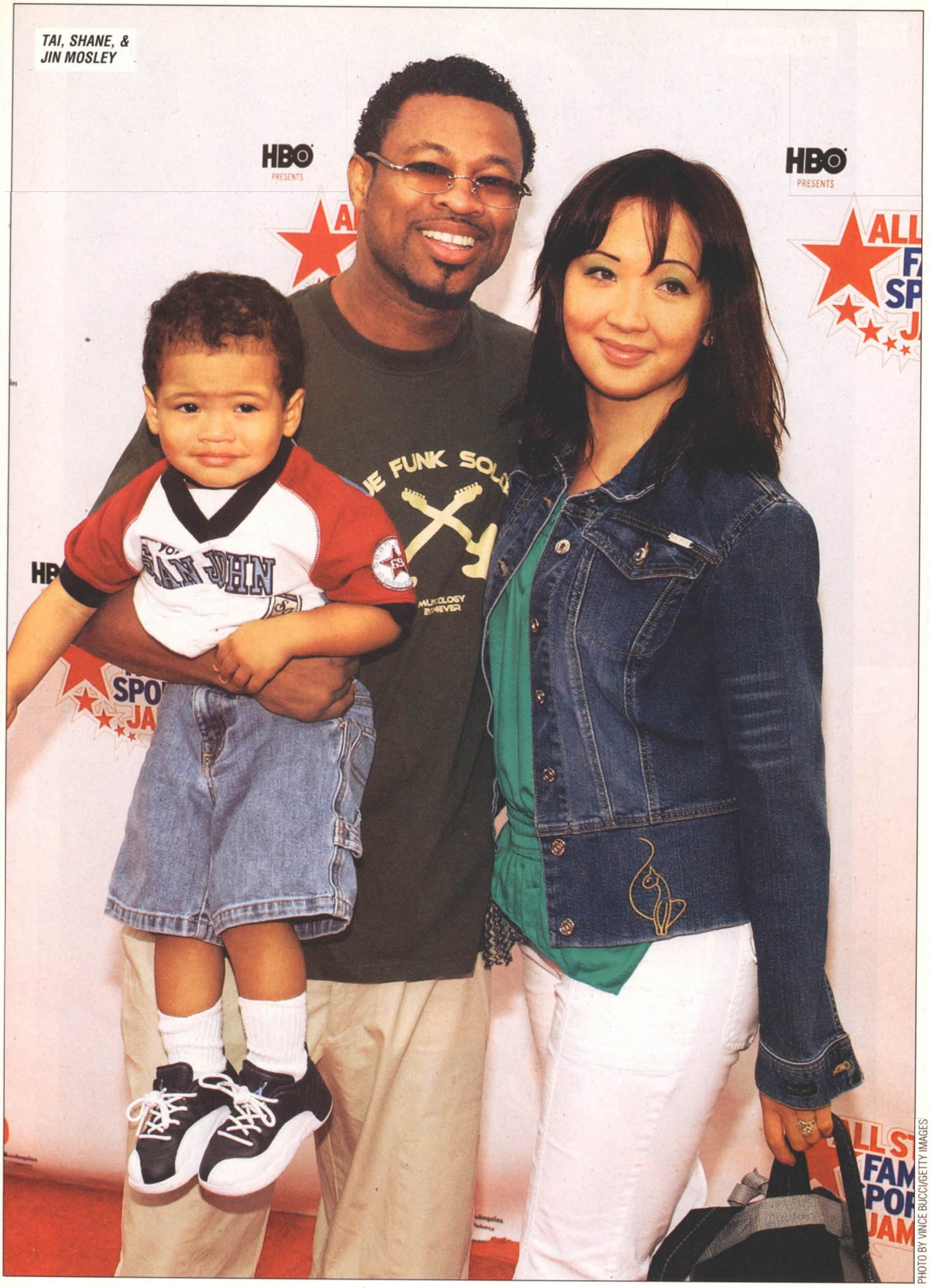

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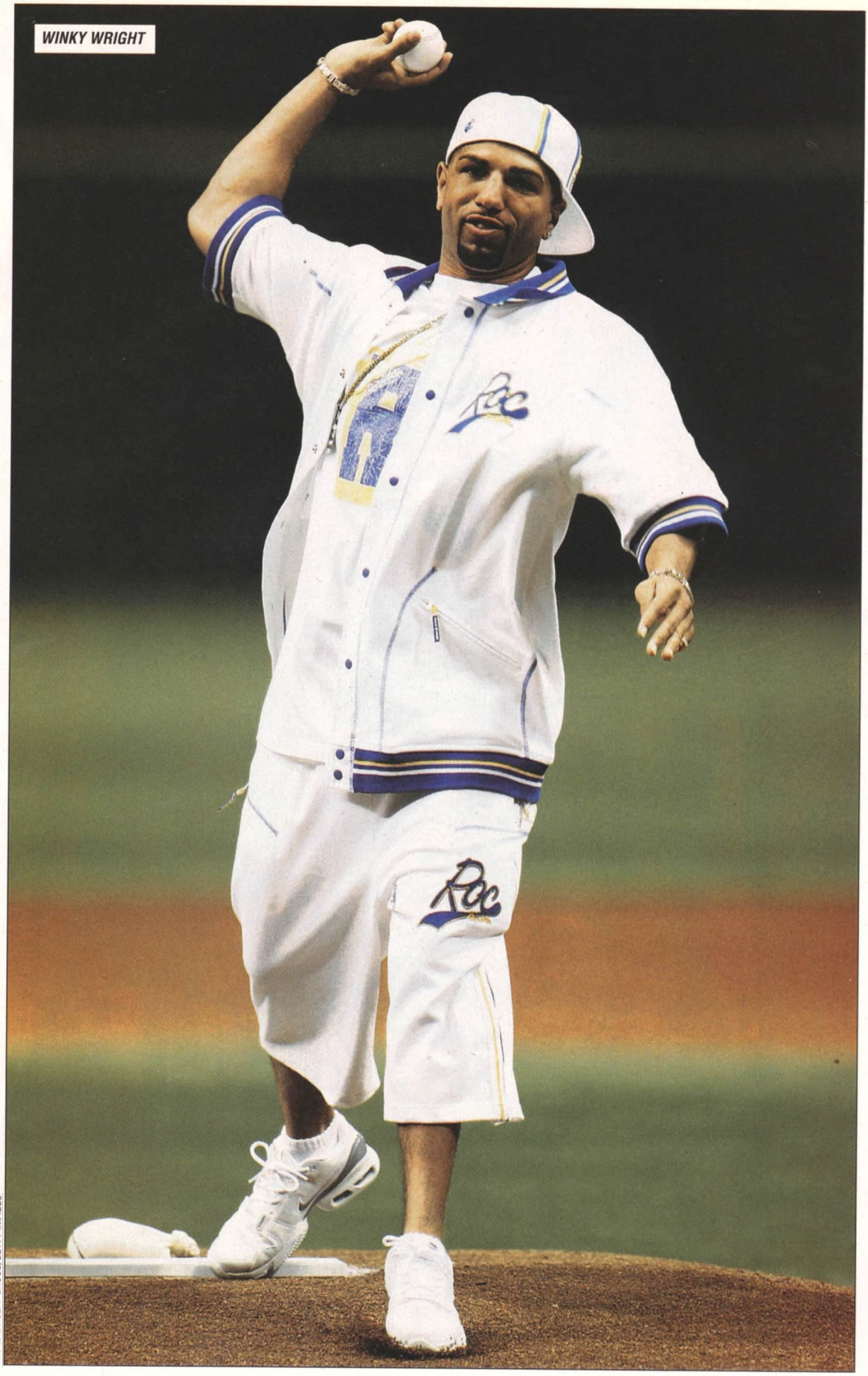

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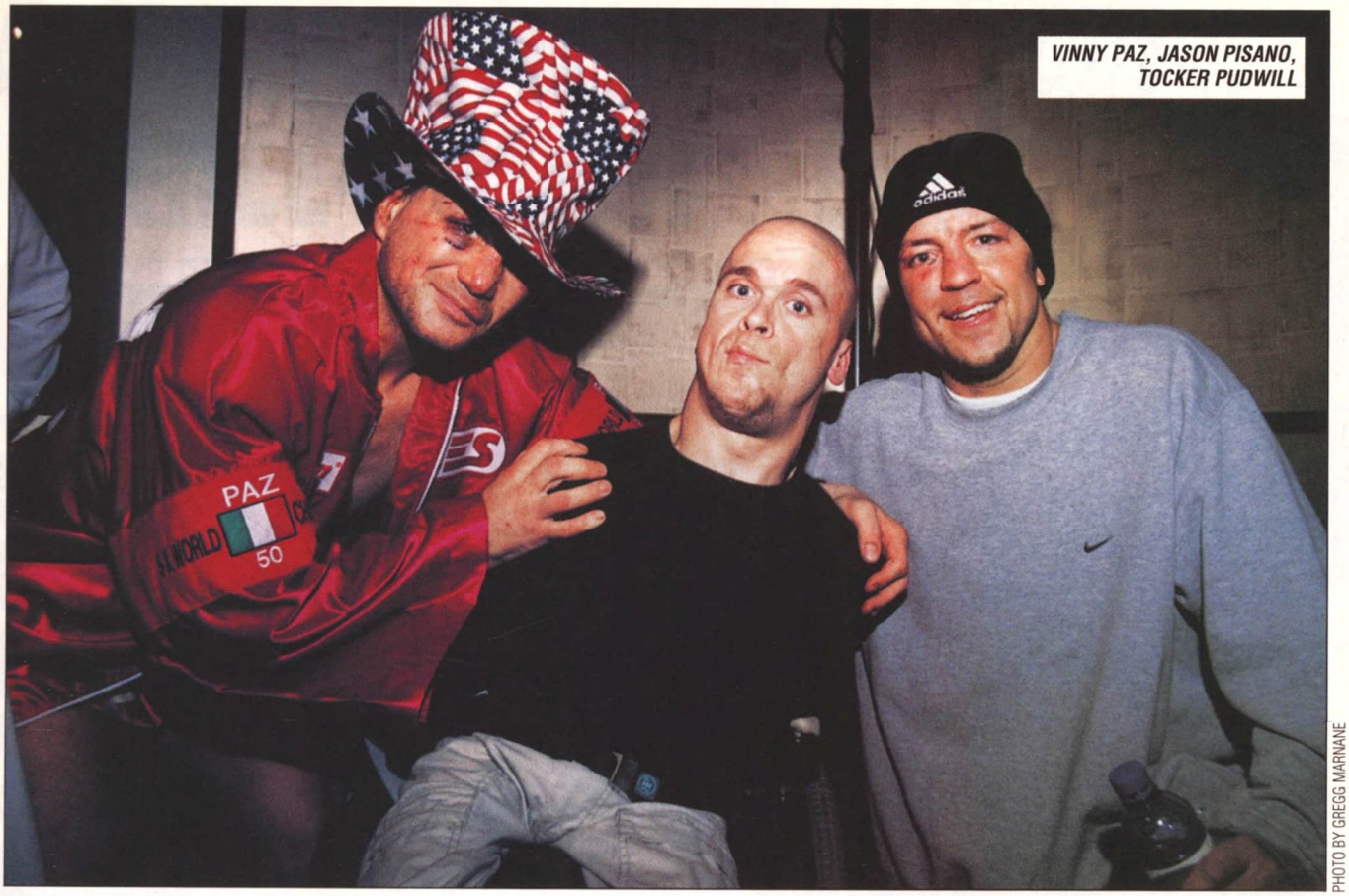

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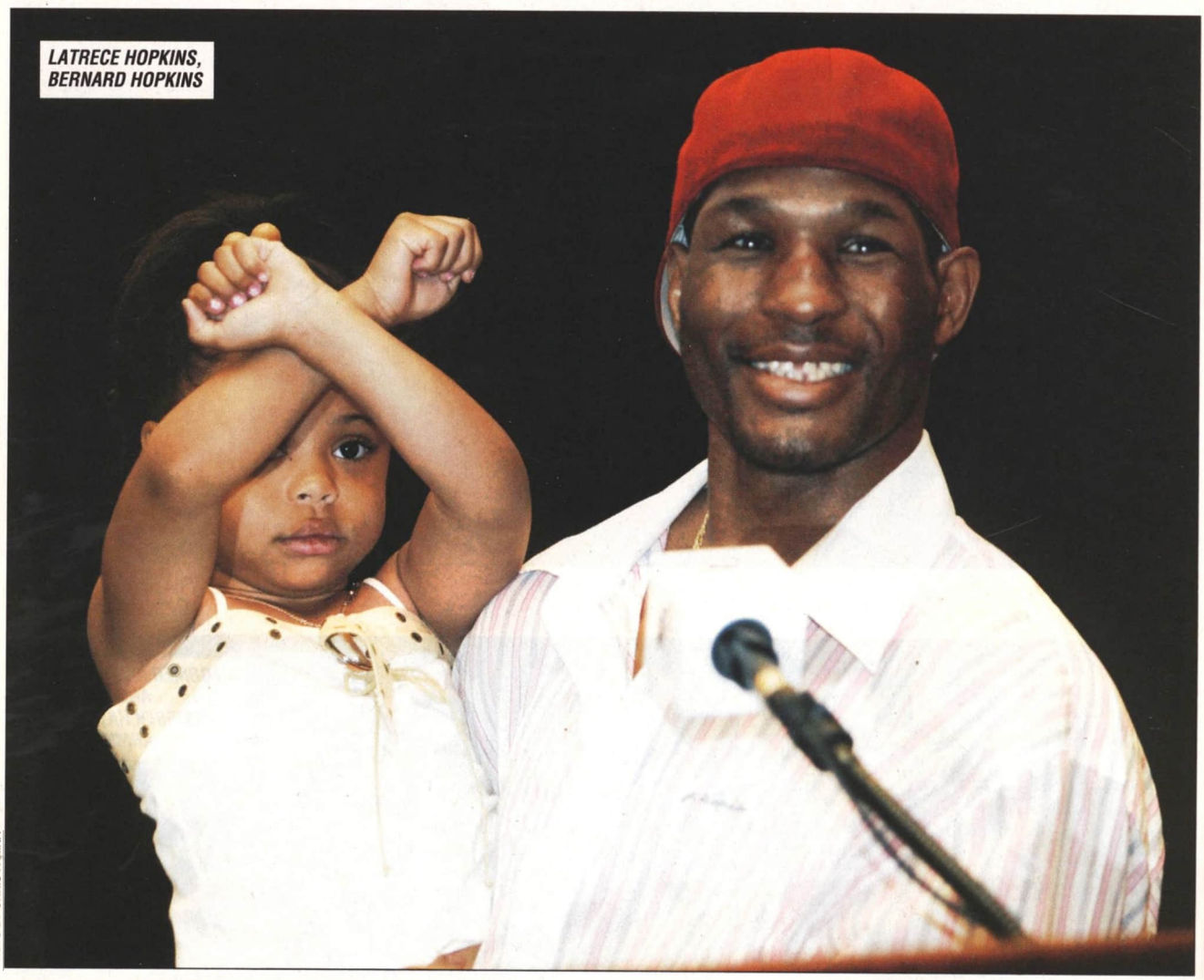

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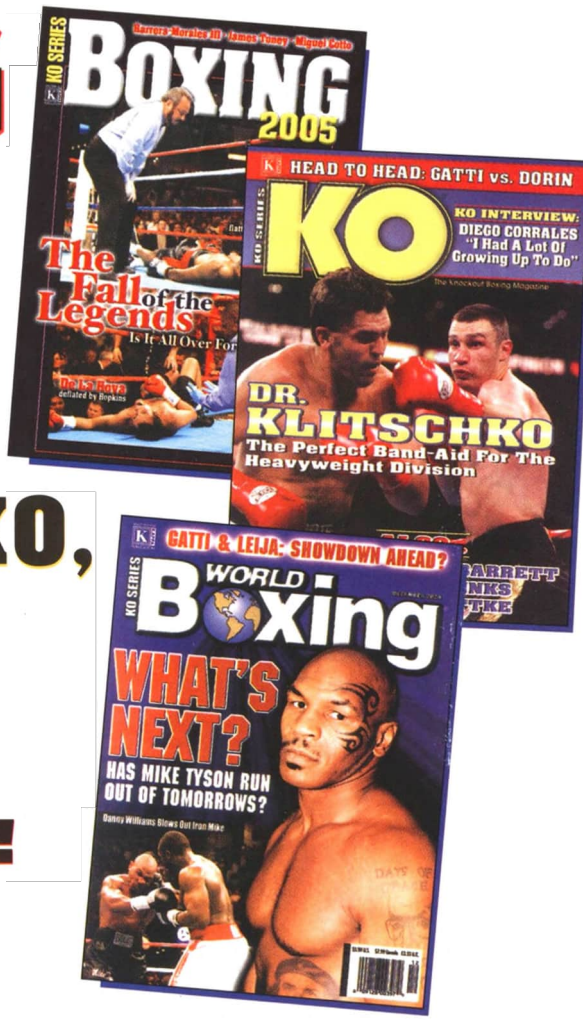

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